



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Sent via email: [macarter@equityfwd.com](mailto:macarter@equityfwd.com)

Re: ACF FOIA 18-F-0153, Equity Forward v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Civil Action No. 19-cv-00942

Dear Ms. Carter:

This is a partial response pertaining to Case No. 19-cv-00942 filed April 4, 2019, relating to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 18-F-0153 submitted to the Administration for Children and Families.

FOIA 18-F-0153 seeks “copies of any digital or written correspondence of spreadsheets and/or summaries detailing pregnant unaccompanied minors sent to, from or carbon copying (“CC”) ORR Director Scott Lloyd between and including March 1, 2017 and the fulfilment of this request.”

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed 205 pages of records inclusive of 16 pages of spreadsheets and 189 pages of emails. 131 pages are being releasing in full, without redactions. I have determined 27 pages are being released in part pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6). An additional 47 pages will be sent to the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for consultation on pages that originated within its offices.

Exemption 5 protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The exemption protects agency deliberations, both internal and with agency contractors and consultants, attorney-client privileged records and attorney work product. In this case, the withheld information includes pre-decisional discussions within the agency and between agency staff.

Exemption 6, permits the withholding of information and records about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwanted invasion of personal privacy." The definition of “similar files” has historically been broadly interpreted to include a wide variety of files, and the United States Supreme Court has held that Congress intended the term “similar files” to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. On the attached records, all personal identifying information pertaining to an Unaccompanied Minor, personal email addresses and cell phone numbers of federal employees as well as identities of nonfederal employees have been protected. I have analyzed these records and find they meet the threshold requirement of this exemption. Additionally, I have reviewed and weighed the public interest in disclosure of this information against the privacy interest in nondisclosure, and found that the privacy interest outweighs the public's interest in disclosure.

ACF will continue to review and make partial releases of the remaining portions of this request.

Mary Alice Carter  
18-F-0153

If you are not satisfied with any aspect of the processing and handling of this request, you may contact the Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Department of Justice who is handling this case for the Department.

Sincerely yours,

**Carla C.  
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(b)(6)			SWK Canutillo	0	Texas	2014-01-02	12 weeks	SWK Canutillo	0	New Mexico	2014-02-04	approx 16 weeks	not clear	2014		Case Review Doc not uploaded to RFP Folder
			SWK Casa Blanca	0	Texas	2014-04-24	18 weeks	SWK Casa Blanca	0	Texas	2014-05-09	19 weeks	no	2014	judicial bypass; approved by ORR	Planned Parenthood; SIRs/UAC Case Review not uploaded to RFP folder
			Catholic Charities Boystown	1	Florida	2014-09-17	7 weeks	Lorraine Thomas	0	Florida	2014-10-14	approx 11 weeks	not clear	2014	UC reported (b)(6)	SIRs not uploaded to RFP folder
			SWK Lemon Grove	0	California	2015-04-28	10.5 weeks	SWK Lemon Grove	0	California	2015-05-12	approx 14 weeks	yes	2015		
			SWK Casa Blanca	0	Texas	2015-06-01	approx 9 weeks	SWK Casa Blanca	0	Texas	2015-06-26	approx 15 weeks	yes	2015	UC pregnancy SIR 5/27; judicial bypass	
			Bokencamp	0	Texas	2015-06-11	approx 8 weeks	Heartland CHAP	0	Illinois	2015-07-08	approx 10 weeks	yes	2015	(b)(6)	
			Cayuga Centers	0	New York	2015-08-31	approx 9 weeks	Cayuga Centers	0	New York	2015-09-11	approx 10.5 weeks	no	2015	decision date is not entirely clear (source UACSIRI); ORR approval on 9/8/015	Planned Parenthood in NY
			Children's Village Shelter	0	New York	2015-09-22	approx 18 weeks	Children's Village Shelter	0	New York	2015-10-14	approx 20.5 weeks	no	2015		
			Children's Village Shelter	0	New York	2015-09-29	approx. 17 weeks	Children's Village Shelter	0	New York	2015-10-09	approx. 18 weeks	no	2015	09/04/2015 - 7 weeks pregnant	
			SWK Lemon Grove	0	California	2015-11-04	not clear	not clear	0	not clear	2015-11-07	not clear	no	2015		
			Leake and Watts	0	New York	2015-11-09	not clear	Leake and Watts	0	New York	2015-11-23	not clear	no	2015		
			Cayuga Centers	0	New York	2015-11-12	approx 12 weeks	Cayuga Centers	0	New York	2015-11-24	approx 14 weeks	yes	2015	Planned Parenthood	
			Children's Village Shelter	0	New York	2015-11-18	approx 14 weeks	Children's Village Shelter	0	New York	2015-12-03	15.4 weeks	yes	2015	(b)(6)	
			IES Los Fresnos	0	Texas	2015-12-07	approx 6.5 weeks	KidsPeace/Kids Haven	0	Pennsylvania	2016-01-21	after 10.5 weeks	yes	2016	TOP was preformed in January....SIR states infection post procedure	
			SWK Casa Quetzal	0	Texas	2016-05-27	8-2 weeks	SWK Casa Quetzal	0	Texas	2016-06-30	6-11 weeks	yes	2016	Houston Women's Center, LMP 5/15	
			Morrison Downtown	0	Oregon	2016-07-12	not clear, est. at least 10 weeks	Morrison Downtown	0	Oregon	2016-07-26	not clear	yes	2016	Lovejoy Surgicenter	
			SWK Estrella	0	Arizona	2016-08-07	4-6 weeks	SWK Estrella	0	Arizona	2016-08-16	8-10 weeks	yes	2016	Planned Parenthood in Tempe Arizona	
			Homestead	0	Florida	2016-11-02	not clear	KidsPeace/Kids Haven	0	Pennsylvania	2016-12-02	approx 11-12 weeks	No	2016	(b)(6)	Women's Hospital
			SWK Casa Quetzal	0	Texas	2016-11-14	approx 2 to 6 weeks	Heartland CHAP	0	Illinois	2016-11-28	approx 8- 12 weeks	yes	2016	LMP, September 2016	
			Crittenton Shelter	0	California	2016-11-22	approx 2-4 weeks	Crittenton Shelter	0	California	2016-12-05	approx 4- 6 weeks	No	2016	LMP, 10/23/16	Planned Parenthood
			SWK Estrella	0	Arizona	2016-11-22	approx 5.5 weeks	SWK Case Estrella	0	Arizona	2016-12-06	approx 7.5 weeks	yes	2016	LMP, 10/11/2016	
			SWK Sol	0	Arizona	2016-11-28	approx 7 weeks	SWK Hacienda del Sol	0	Arizona	2016-12-14	approx 11 weeks	yes	2016	Planned Parenthood, LMP 11/05/2016	
			Homestead	0	Florida	2016-12-07	approx 6 weeks	Heartland SCIIY	0	Illinois	2016-12-20	approx 9 weeks	yes	2016	LMP, 10/28/2016	Planned Parenthood
			Morrison	0	Oregon	2016-12-21	6 weeks	Morrison Downtown	0	Oregon	2017-01-05	9 weeks	No	2017	options counseling provided; UC requested a first trimester termination	

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Homestead	0	New York	2016-12-28	approx 8-10 weeks	Leake & Watts TFC	0	New York	2016-12-30	approx 8-10 weeks	No	2016	LMP, 10/10/2016	Planned Parenthood
SWK Kokopelli		Arizona	2017-01-04	approx 12 weeks	SWK Kokopelli	0	Arizona	2017-03-02	approx 16 weeks	No	2017	(b)(6)	Camelback Family Planning
BCFS San Antonio		Texas	2017-02-01	approx 3 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		TOP request rescinded on 02/03/2017 however must have requested TOP again and rescinded on 3/13/2017	
Heartland		Illinois	2017-02-01	approx 7 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		TOP Request rescinded on 02/02/2017	
St PJs Childrens Home		Texas	2017-02-17	approx 8 weeks	SWK Casa Blanca		Texas	2017-03-02	approx 9 weeks	No	2017	Chemical Termination	
SWK Las Palmas		Arizona	2017-03-20	approx 9 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Child reunified on 4/8/2017	
SWK Kokopelli		Arizona	2017-06-15	approx 16 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		TOP Request rescinded on 06/19/2017	
SWK Sol		Arizona	2017-07-05	approx 8 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		TOP Request rescinded on 07/07/2017 after disclosure with FOC and family	
SWK Las Palmas		Arizona	2017-08-10	approx 8 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Unclear if TOP Request; Advised by program that not a TOP request however underwent counseling; child reunified	
IES Los Fresnos		Texas	2017-09-19	approx 9 weeks	IES Los Fresnos		Texas	2017-10-25	15 weeks	No	2017	Consensual	
SWK Glendale		Arizona	2017-09-25	approx 9 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		TOP Request rescinded on 9/28/2017 after family session.	
IES Los Fresnos		Texas	2017-10-23	approx 2 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Age redetermination-11-6-2017 discharged	
Abbott House		New York	2017-11-09	approx 7 weeks	Abbott House		New York	2017-11-09	8 weeks	No	2017	Program did not notify ORR of TOP Request nor did the program obtain ORR Director approval	Mt. Sinai Hospital
Morrison Downtown		Oregon	2017-11-27	approx 9 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Notification to ORR HQ on 12/2; Child refuses OB appt; US ok if monitor is turned away; Age Redetermination (19yrs); DC to ICE on 12/20/2017	
Abbott House		New York	2017-11-29	approx 20 weeks	Abbott House		New York	2017-12-20	22 weeks	No	2017	(b)(6)	
YouthCare		Washington	2017-12-05	approx 4 weeks	YouthCare		Washington	2017-12-05	approx 4 weeks	No	2017	Child evaluated by OB and administered mifepristone (chemical termination) on 12/5;	Harborview
Crittenton Shelter		California	2017-12-29	approx 16 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Child reunified on 1/14/2018	
SWK Campbell		Arizona	2018-01-09	approx 10 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		(b)(6)	
IES Norma Linda		Texas	2018-01-22	approx 9 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Pregnancy result of consensual relations; DHUC noticed request in SIR on 1/26/2018; 2/1 informed by program that child rescinded request	
SWK Nueva Esperanza		Texas	2018-01-24	Approx 6 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Request rescinded on 2/7/2018; options discussed with Probar attorney on 1/24/2018; unclear when request was made.	
SWK Antigua		Texas	2018-03-07	approx 4-5 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Pregnancy result of consensual relations to 15 yo male in COO; reunified 3/17	
SWK Casa Blanca		Texas	2018-03-12	Unknown	na		na	na	na	na		UAC aged out on 3/14/2018; 2 days after her request-unknown GA	
SWK Antigua		Texas	2018-04-03	~8-9 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		(b)(6) minor expressed that she wants to have her baby	
SWK Rio Grande		Texas	2018-04-04	~4-5 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Consensual Activity; minor reunified 4-7-2018	
SWK Franklin		Texas	2018-05-07	Approx 18 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Minor requested information on 5/4/2018; rescinded request on 5/10 after initial OB appt; consensual; reunified 5/26	
SWK Nueva Esperanza		Texas	2018-05-07	Approx 21 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Consensual relations; Minor requested additional information on 2nd term abortion; decided to rescind request and proceed with adoption	
SWK Estrella		Arizona	2018-05-22	4 weeks	NA		na	na	na	na		Consensual relations with 15 yo boyfriend; UAC reunified	

(b)(6)	SWK Montezuma	Texas	2018-06-06	Approx 14 weeks	SWK Montezuma	Texas	2018-06-29	approx 18 weeks	No	2018	Neg preg during IME, c/o abd pain Preg +, consensual relations, sought TOP via attorney, Judicial Bypass granted 6/15, 2 day procedure 6/28, 6/29
	Youth for Tomorrow	Virginia	2018-06-21	Approx 9 weeks	na	na	na	na	na		(b)(6) Req TOP but wanting to seek services after reunification; 6/18 seen in ED for ABD pain and dx with possible miscarriage; reunified on 7/14/2018 at ~12weeks IUP.
	SWK Casa Quetzal	Texas	2018-06-27	Unknown	na	na	na	na	na		Minor was determined to be non-pregnant, possible spontaneous abortion-excess tissue on US; IME pregnancy test +; 6-28 initial OB APPT: OB Pregnancy test neg, HCG neg.
	SWK Nueva Esperanza	Texas	2018-07-01	7 weeks	SWK Nueva Esperanza	Texas	2018-07-20	Approx 9 weeks		2018	Notified of an attorney arranging for medical appt. Consensual relations with 19 yo male; unclear when the request was made...early July 2018 likely.
	SWK Estrella	Arizona	2018-07-11	Approx 28 weeks	na	na	na	na	na		(b)(6) minor was informed 28 weeks gestational age beyond GA for abortive procedure; Minor stated she will try to take care of the baby but if not she will ask her Aunt
	Catholic Charities Boystown	Florida	2018-07-12	Approx 12 weeks	Rising Ground	New York	2018-07-27	Approx 14 weeks	No	2018	(b)(6)
	Heartland Guadalupe	Illinois	2018-07-25	7 weeks	Heartland Guadalupe	Illinois	2018-08-23	Approx 11 weeks	No	2018	Consensual relations although unclear of circumstances; ACLU involved; obtained judicial bypass 8/13; received TAR 8/17; no documentation in portal
	SWK Antigua	Texas	2018-07-31	6-7 weeks	Southwest Keys Antigua	Texas	2018-09-07	Approx 12 weeks	No	2018	Consensual relations with 18 yo ex-boyfriend in COO
	SWK Casa Franklin	Texas	2018-08-01	4 weeks 6 days	NA	na	na	na	na		(b)(6)
	SWK Antigua	Texas	2018-08-02	10-11 weeks	NA	na	na	na	na		Consensual relations with boyfriend in COO; after the child talked with her mother and was told it will be OK, child rescinded her TOP request
	David and Margaret	California	2018-08-03	10 weeks 2 days	David and Margaret	California	2018-08-16	Approx 12 weeks	Pending	2018	(b)(6) requests no parental notification; SMR submitted 8/7 seeking federal funds.
	Heartland CHAP	Illinois	2018-08-04	Approx 8 weeks	Heartland CHAP	Illinois	2018-08-28	Approx 12 weeks	No	2018	(b)(6)
	SWK Antigua	Texas	2018-08-07	7 weeks	SWK Antigua	Texas	2018-09-07	approx 11 weeks	Pending	2018	(b)(6) 7 weeks gestation by dates on 8/7
	Homestead	Florida	2018-09-17	16 weeks	NA	na	na	na	na		(b)(6)
	Homestead	Florida	2018-09-17	9 weeks	SWK Casa El Presidente	Texas	2018-10-06	Approx 11 weeks	No	2018	Consensual relations with 20 yo male in COO;
	BCFS San Antonio	Texas	2018-10-01	~8 weeks	na	na	na	na	na		Consensual relations with 19 yo male in COO; Twin gestation; aged out on 10/18/2018
	BCFS San Antonio	Texas	2018-10-03	~8-9 weeks	BCFS San Antonio	Texas	2018-10-20	Approx 12 weeks	No	2018	Consensual relations with 17 yo male in COO
	Cayuga Centers	New York	2018-10-19	~11 weeks	Cayuga Centers	New York	2018-11-07	Approx 18 weeks	No	2018	(b)(6) initially thought to be 11 weeks gestation but US near time of procedure indicated 18 weeks.
	SWK El Presidente	Texas	2018-11-11	~8 weeks	na	na	na	NA	NA		Minor rescinded request after judicial bypass was obtained. Discharged to sponsor
	The Villages	Kansas	2018-11-13	4-6 weeks	The Villages	Kansas	2019-01-04	Approx 13 weeks	Yes	2019	(b)(6)
	Homestead	Florida	2018-11-15	~8-9 weeks	na	na	na	na	na		(b)(6)



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SWK Nueva Esperanza		Texas	2018-11-20	9-10 weeks	SWK Nueva Esperanza		Texas	2018-12-14	Approx 14 weeks	No	2018	Consensual with 18 yo male in COO; voluntary departure	
SWK Antigua		Texas	2018-11-20	18-19 weeks	SWK Blanca		Texas	2018-12-06	Approx 19 weeks	No	2018	(b)(6)	
BCFS Driscoll		Texas	2018-12-17	~20 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Limb body wall complex congenital anomaly-fatal condition; discharged 12/21 to sponsor to pursue termination; MFM discussed termination vs carrying to term; minor opted for termination	
Heartland Intl Childrens RC		Illinois	2018-12-19	~12 weeks	Heartland Intl Childrens RC		Illinois	2019-01-08	16 weeks	No	2019	Notified on 1-4-2019; consensual relations in COO; Initial placement at Homestead->Heartland	
SWK Casa Montezuma		Texas	2018-12-26	~9 weeks	SWK Montezuma		Texas	2019-02-06	~14 weeks	No	2019	Consensual	
KidsPeace		Pennsylvania	2019-01-02	4-5 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		(b)(6)	
SWK Nueva Esperanza		Texas	2019-01-11	8-9 weeks	SWK Nueva Esperanza		Texas	2019-02-08	~13 weeks	No	2019	Consensual activity	
CC Houston		Texas	2019-01-15	~7weeks	Leake and Watts		New York	2019-02-19	~11-12 weeks	No	2019	(b)(6)	
SWK El Presidente		Texas	2019-01-29	~16 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Consensual Activity; Minor requested sponsor notification; minor reunified with sponsor	
CHSI Casa Norma Linda		Texas	2019-02-01	~8-10 weeks	CHSI Casa Norma Linda		Texas	2019-03-01	~14 weeks	No	2019	minor denied SA or assault, procedure done on 3-1; had evaluation and need second procedure 1 week later	
SWK San Diego		California	2019-03-05	~3-4 weeks	SWK San Diego		California	2019-03-25	~6 weeks	No	2019	Consensual activity with 20 yo male in COO	
SWK Casa Houston		Texas	2019-03-07	~15 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		Consensual activity; rescinded request ~3/15/2019 and informed attorney of decision	
BCFS Driscoll		Texas	2019-03-14	~5-6 weeks	Crittenton Shelter		California	2019-04-04	~9 weeks	Yes	2019	Assaulted; during IME child stated not wanting baby; during OB evaluation child requested TOP; confusion on circumstances initially believed to be consensual but later determined to be due to assault.	
SWK Antigua		Texas	2019-03-18	5-6 weeks	SWK Antigua		Texas	2019-04-12	~10 weeks	No	2019		
KidsPeace		Pennsylvania	2019-03-27	~12 weeks	Kidspeace		Pennsylvania	2019-04-26	~17 weeks	No	2019	Consensual activity; later rescinded and stated no sexual activity and not being pregnant at IME; HCG Positive	
Heartland CHAP		Illinois	2019-03-28	~5-6 weeks	Heartland CHAP		Illinois	2019-04-10	~6-8 weeks	No	2019	Consensual Activity; no documentation of US	
SWK Nueva Esperanza		Texas	2019-04-03	~19-20 weeks	SWK Casa Blanca		Texas	2019-04-18	~22 weeks	No	2019	Consensual Activity; 2-part procedure	
Bethany Christian Services		Tennessee	2019-04-03	~6-7 weeks	KidsPeace		Pennsylvania	2019-06-01	~15 weeks	No	2019	(b)(6)	
Mercy First		New York	2019-04-17	~4 weeks	Mercy First		New York	2019-04-27	~6 weeks	No	2019	consensual activity	
Homestead		Florida	2019-04-20	~4 Weeks	KidsPeace		Pennsylvania	2019-05-24	~18 weeks	No	2019	consensual activity	
Kidspeace		Pennsylvania	2019-04-22	~ 4 weeks	Pending		Pending	Pending	Pending			Consensual activity	
SWK Quetzal		Texas	2019-04-23	7 weeks	na		na	na	na	na		on 5-2-2019, minor informed staff of want to stop the termination process and proceed with pregnancy	
SWK Las Palmas		Arizona	2019-05-06	~14 weeks	SWK Las Palmas		Arizona	2019-05-17	~15 weeks	Yes	2019	(b)(6)	
SWK Kokopelli		Arizona	2019-05-21	14 weeks	SWK Kokopelli		Arizona	2019-06-15	~17 weeks	Yes	2019	(b)(6)	
SWK Kokopelli		Arizona	2019-05-22	~13 weeks	SWK Kokopelli		Arizona	2019-06-14	~16 weeks	No	2019	Consensual Activity	
BCFS Driscoll		Texas	2019-06-13	Pending	Pending		Pending	Pending	Pending			(b)(6)	
SWK Combes		Texas	2019-06-14	~14 weeks	Pending		Pending	Pending	Pending			Consensual Activity	

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(b)(6)	N	(b)(6)	E			(b)(6)	T	E	ACTIVITY	T	D	
	Intakes		16	IES Foster Brownsville	TX		Pending	2 months			Not to date	with 18 yo male in home country
	Intakes		17	IES Foster Hidalgo	TX		Positive	6 months	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	Not to Date	with a 21 yo male in home country
	Intakes		16	Bokenkamp TFC	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	SWK Casa Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to date	
	SIR		17	IES Los Fresnos	TX		Positive	~2 months			yes	with 20 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	His House	FL		Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Glendale	AZ		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 16 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		15	IES Harlingen	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 25 yo Ex-boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	CC Houston	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 29 yo male boyfriend
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Bokenkamp Shelter	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	Minor is traveling with (b)(6) A/R (b)(6) who she claims is the baby's father.
	Intakes		16	IES Hidalgo Foster	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo ex-boyfriend in COO who wanted UAC to have an abortion
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~7 months(minor reports)			Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~4 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	David and Margaret	CA		Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	Married in COO; travelled with husband who is a minor at another program
	Intakes		15	IES Harlingen	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	Holy Family Institute	PA		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	with 16 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	Cayuga Center	NY		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with former partner in COO
	Intakes		17	IES Palm Valley	TX		Positive	8.5 months			No	with 20 yo ex-boyfriend in COO; reported physical abuse by ex-boyfriend; delivered baby on 8/28
	Intakes		17	IES Weslaco	TX		Pending	~2 months			Not to Date	Circumstances not reported
	Intakes Hotline		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 16-17 yo male in COO
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Canutillo	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	pregnancy due to consensual sexual relationship with boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17	SWK El Presidente	TX		Positive	TBD			Not to Date	With 17 yo male during her journey/ UAC disclosed possible pregnancy on 8/21 and asked to repeat pregnancy test
	Intakes Hotline		17	Youth for Tomorrow	VA		Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes Hotline		17	Mercy First	NY		Pending	~4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6) in US; Labs not entered in portal; will follow up with program
	Intakes Hotline		17	IES Palm Valley	TX		Positive	~7 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo ex-boyfriend in COO; FOC is currently in US but UAC has not had contacted with him since he traveled to US.
	Intakes Hotline		16	IES Palm Valley	TX		Positive	~7 months			Not to Date	with 25 yo Ex-boyfriend in COO, OB Services scheduled for 8/28
	SIR		16	SWK El Presidente	TX		Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	with (b)(6) boyfriend in COO; OB Services Pending (appt 08/21/2017)
	Intakes Hotline		17	SWK Sol	AZ		Positive	~8.5 months			No	with 20 yo male in COO; OB services pending
	SIR		15	SWK Las Palmas	AZ		Positive	2 months			No	(b)(6)
	Intakes Hotline		16	IES Brownsville	TX		Positive	~8 months			No	
	Intakes Hotline		15	IES Hidalgo	TX		Positive	~4 months			Not to Date	With unknown male assailant in COO
	Intakes Hotline		16	IES Foster Harlingen	TX		Positive	~8 months			No	Planned Pregnancy
	Intakes Hotline		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~5 months			Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO;
	Intakes Hotline		17	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO, OB Services obtained
	Intakes Hotline		14	Cayuga Center	NY		Positive	~4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes Hotline		17	IES Foster Weslaco	TX		Positive	~9 months			Not to Date	With 21 yo male in COO/OB appt 8/7/reported to be 9mo pregnant/has 2 year old daughter with same partner.
	Intakes Hotline		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	With unknown male assailant in COO
	Intakes Hotline		17	IES Brownsville	TX		Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	With 18 yo male in COO/OB Service pending/Reported to be 2 mo pregnant/Traveling with 3 yo son
	Intakes Hotline		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	OB Service pending/Reported to be 3 mo pregnant
	Intakes Hotline		16	Bokencamp	TX		Positive	~4 months			Not to Date	OB Service pending/Reported to be 4 mo pregnant
	Intakes Hotline		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	TBD			Not to Date	OB Services pending/reported to be 6 mo pregnant
	Intakes Hotline		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	TBD			Not to Date	OB Services pending/reported to be 7 mo pregnant
	Intakes Hotline		17	SWK Sol	AZ		Positive	TBD			Not to date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes Hotline		16	SWK Campbell	AZ		Positive	9 months			No	(b)(6)
	SIR		17	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	TBD			Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO; no abuse by FOC but UAC has history of GSW to abdomen and leg. OB Services pending
	Intakes Hotline		16	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO; abused by Grandmother once known about pregnancy/OB Services Pending

DATE_REPORTED	METHOD_OF_NOTIFICATION	ALIEN_NO	AG	PROGRAM_NAME	PROGRA	DATE_ADMITTED	PREG_TES	ESTIMATED_GESTATIO	CONSENSUAL_SEXUAL	SEXUAL_ABUSE	TOP_REQUESTED	NOTES
D	ATION	E	E	M_STATE	D	T	NAL_AGE	ACTIVITY	ASSAULT			
(b)(6)	Intakes	(b)(6)	17	Catholic Guardian Services TFC	TX	(b)(6)	Positive	5 months	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	Not to Date	with 22 yo ex-boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	CHSI San Benito	TX		Negative	2 months			Not to Date	Youth stated being 2 months pregnant; Urine Preg Negative; f/u to determine
	Intakes		16	David and Margaret	CA		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	miscarriage; Spontaneous Abortion
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	Catholic Charities Boystown	FL		Positive	2-3 months			Not to Date	consensual relation (b)(6)
	Intakes		16	Catholic Charities Boystown	FL		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		15	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	Yes
	SIR		17	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	Yes
	Intakes		17	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	1 month			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Catholic Guardian Services TFC	NY		Negative	3 months			Pending	Determined by ICF after EOC was arrested; + miscarriage; Unclear of circumstances-
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Las Palmas	AZ		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	SWK El Presidente	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		16	SWK Casa Quetzal	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Las Palmas	AZ		Positive	unknown			Not to Date	Pending confirmation of pregnancy. No definite intrauterine gestational sac
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	1-2 months			Not to Date	identified, this can be seen with very early pregnancy, however, failed or ectopic
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 Months			Not to Date	pregnancy cannot be excluded; Miscarriage; follow labs week of 9/24; talked with
	Intakes		17	SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	PD and (b)(6) done.
	SIR		17	SWK Estrella	AZ		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK Campbell	AZ		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15	SWK Campbell	AZ		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Sol	AZ		Positive	~7 months			Not to Date	with 15 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo "husband" in COO
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Sol	AZ		Positive	9 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	SIR		15	Southwest Key Conroe	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	SWK Campbell	AZ		Positive	1 month			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	9 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Catholic Guardian Services TFC	NY		Pending	5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Campbell	AZ		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	Youth for Tomorrow	VA		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	with 28 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	SWK Key Estrella	AZ		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 28 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3-4 months			Not to Date	with 15 yo boyfriend
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Sol	AZ		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	SWK Casa Antigua	TX		Positive	1-2 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17	SWK Casa Antigua	TX		Positive	5-6 months			Not to Date	with 27 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17	SWK El Presidente	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 17 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK Presidente	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 28 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	Bethany Christian Services TFC	MI		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	3-4 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo boyfriend in COO; discharged 9/3
	Intakes		17	SWK Sol	AZ		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	SWK Combes	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Catholic Guardian Services TFC	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	CC Houston	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	SWK Presidente	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	SWK Presidente	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Bethany Christian Services TFC	MI		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15	Cayuga	NY		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	Cayuga Center	NY		Pending				Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		14	Bethany Christian Services TFC	MI		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with ~20 yo boyfriend
	Intakes		16	David and Margaret	CA		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Bokenkamp TFC	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	2-3 months			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO



(b)(6)	Intakes	(b)(6)	16 SWK Hacienda del Sol	AZ	(b)(6)	Positive	5 months	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	Not to Date	
	Intakes		14 Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	SIR		16 SWK San Diego	CA		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17 Bethany Christian Services TFC	MI		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15 Seton Home	TX		Positive	6-7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Program		16 SWK Sol	AZ		Positive	6-7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 Leake and Watts Shelter	NY		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	UAC made a comment wanting to abort; confirming if this is a TOP request with the program
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Casa Kokopelli	AZ		Positive	1.5 months			Pending	(b)(6)
	Program		15 SWK Casa Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months			Yes	(b)(6)
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Pleasant Hill	CA		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	be a result of consensual relationship with 20 yo male in COO;
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Casita Del Valle	TX		Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	with 24 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16 SWK Sol	AZ		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 CC Houston	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	
	Program		16 SWK Casa Antigua	TX		Positive	2-3 months			Not to Date	Yes
	Intakes		16 SWK Presidente	TX		Positive	8 Months			Not to Date	with male in COO; 8/2 requested TOP
	Intakes		17 Bethany Christian Services TFC	MI		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 27 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 Southwest Key Sol	AZ		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 18-19yo male in COO
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	SIR		14 Southwest Key Casa Franklin	TX		Positive	~1-2 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	SIR		15 Homestead IN-TRANSFER	FL		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	Initially denying sexual relations, minor disclosed (b)(6)
	Intakes		15 Bokenkamp Shelter	TX		Positive	2 months			Yes	Requested TOP 8/1
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	~5 months			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	~1.5 months			Not to Date	with 17 yo boyfriend in COO; minor believes to be 2 mo pregnant-IME not posted
	SIR		14 Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	~5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17 Southwest Key Phoenix	AZ		Positive	4-5 months			Yes	With 18 yo male in COO; Termination request on 7/31
	SIR		16 Heartland Intl Childrens RC	IL		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO; minor has been transferred to SWK Combes
	Intakes		16 Southwest Key Phoenix	AZ		Positive	1 month			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 Months			Not to Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 25 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15 Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	~4-5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Campbell	AZ		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	SIR		15 Homestead	FL		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17 SWK Sol	AZ		Positive	7 months			Yes	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		16 Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 17 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Casa Kokopelli	AZ		Positive	~ 2 months			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Conroe	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 21 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17 Bethany Christian TFC -PawPaw	MI		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 Bokenkamp TFC	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo boyfriend in COO
	Portal Monitoring		17 Southwest Key Glendale	AZ		Positive	3-4 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		16 David and Margaret	CA		Positive	1 month			Yes	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 David and Margaret	CA		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 25 yo male in COO
	SIR		16 Homestead	FL		Positive	~1 month			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	SIR		16 His House	FL		Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 Southwest Key Sol	AZ		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with ~25 yo male in COO
	SIR		16 Homestead	FL		Positive	unknown			Not to Date	with 17 yo male in COO; Spontaneous Abortion on 07/19
	Intakes		16 Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17 Bokenkamp	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 Nueva Esperanza	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 Months			Not to Date	
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 10 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK SOL	AZ		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 10 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	UAC states consensual relations with boyfriend 4/8/18 (b)(6)
	Intakes		17 SWK Hacienda Del Sol	AZ		Negative	5 months			NA	(b)(6)
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Estrella	AZ		Positive	~4 months			Yes	Pregnancy dated to be ~28 weeks (7mo); UAC informed to late to terminate
	Intakes		17 SWK Hacienda Del Sol	AZ		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	pregnancy; UAC considering asking Aunt (US) to take care of child (b)(6)
	Intakes		16 SWK Hacienda del Sol	AZ		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	1 month			Not to Date	
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Sol	AZ		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	SIR		15 Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 Southwest Key Combes	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15 SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX		Positive	8-9 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		14 David and Margaret	CA		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 17 yo male in COO; minor transferred (b)(6)
										Not to Date	with (b)(6) old male in COO

(b)(6)	Intakes	(b)(6)	17 SWK Antigua TX	Positive	2 months	(b)(6)	Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 Catholic Guardian Services TFC NY	Positive	~2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 Heartland Guadalupe IL	Positive	4-5 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16 SWK Nueva Esperanza TX	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16 Homestead FL	Positive	4 months		Not to Date	with husband in COO
	SIR		15 Homestead FL	Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 Seton Home TX	Positive	8.5 months		Not to Date	with 27 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK El Presidente TX	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 SWK Campbell AZ	Positive	~1 month		Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO; unsure if she wants the baby
	Email		16 Cayuga Centers NY	Positive	2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 SWK Campbell AZ	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK Combes TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK Campbell AZ	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 David and Margaret CA	Positive	3 months		Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	SIR		16 Homestead FL	Positive	~4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16 Seton Home TX	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17 SWK Casa Antigua TX	Positive	2 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 Seton Home TX	Positive	4 months		Not to Date	with 25 yo male in COO
	SIR		15 Southwest Key Las Palmas AZ	Positive	~7 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17 SWK Casa Franklin TX	Positive	~4 months		Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK Presidente TX	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	with 23 yo boyfriend in COO
								(b)(6)
	Intakes		15 SWK Estrella AZ	Positive	4-5 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16 SWK Nueva Esperanza TX	Positive	~2 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		14 SWK Casa Quetzal TX	Positive	1 month		Yes	With 16yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		14 Southwest Key Antigua TX	Positive	~2 months		Not To Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17 Catholic Charities Boystown FL	Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16 Seton Home TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Portal Inquiry		14 LSSS New Hope TX	Positive	6-7 months		Not To Date	with 17 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		15 BCFS San Antonio TFC TX	Positive	2 months		Not to Date	with 17 yo ex-boyfriend in COO
								Admitted with contractions and bleeding; Range of gestation 30-35wks gestation by US; Delivered
	Intakes		14 SWK Phoenix AZ	Positive	9 months		Not to Date	with 16 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		13 Seton Home TX	Positive	4 months		Not To Date	with 20 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17 LSSS New Hope TX	Positive	Pending		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 Seton Home TX	Positive	6 months		Not To Date	
	SIR		12 Southwest Key Rio Grande TX	Positive	2 months		Not To Date	
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Nueva TX	Positive	4-5 months		Not To Date	
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Nueva TX	Positive	~1-2 months		Not To Date	
	SIR		16 Seton Home TX	Positive	Pending		Not To Date	
	Intakes		16 Cayuga Centers NY	Positive	3 months		Not To Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		14 SWK Campbell AZ	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16 Southwest Key San Diego CA	Positive	6 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		15 SWK Casa Quetzal TX	Positive	2 months		Not to Date	with 28 yo male in COO
	Intakes		14 Seton Home TX	Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 Youthcare WA	Positive	2-3 months		Not to Date	with 17 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		14 International Childrens CA	Positive	3 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17 Seton Home TX	Positive	Pending		Not to Date	With adult male in COO
	Intakes		17 Youth for Tomorrow VA	Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 21 or 20 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17 Youth for Tomorrow VA	Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with (b)(6) yo male in COO
								Negative pregnancy test at IME, but positive quantitative HcG; transferred to His House; with 25 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 Homestead FL	Positive	>1 month		Not to Date	with 16 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Rio Grande TX	Positive	~6 months		Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 SWK Casa Quetzal TX	Positive	~5 months		Not to Date	Yes
	SIR		17 SWK Casa Montezuma TX	Positive	~1-2 months		Not to Date	minor's pregnancy test was negative at the time of the IME; with 22 yo male in
	Intakes		14 Seton Home TX	Positive	3 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		14 BCFS San Antonio TFC TX	Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 16 yo male in COO
	Program		16 Homestead FL	Positive	~1 month		Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16 Seton Home TX	Positive	6 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 SWK Combes TX	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		15 Homestead FL	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	(b)(6) with 24 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 SWK Casa Houston TX	Positive	3-4 months		Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16 Heartland CHAP IL	Positive	4 months		Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Program		16 SWK Casa Antigua TX	Positive	~7 months		Not to Date	minor transferred (b)(6)
	Intakes		17 Seton Home TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK Glendale AZ	Positive	1 month		Not to Date	with 26 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 BCFS San Antonio TFC TX	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17 SWK Combes TX	Positive	~6 months		Not to Date	with 20+ yo assailant
	Intakes		17 SWK Casita del Valle TX	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17 Seton Home TX	Positive	4 months		Not To Date	
	Intakes		15 Seton Home TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with an adult male in COO
	SIR		17 SWK El Presidente TX	Positive	9 months		Not To Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		16 SWK Casa Franklin TX	Positive	6 months		Not to Date	With adult male in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK Campbell AZ	Positive	Pending		Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
								15 yo boyfriend in COO; states not being ready to have child; no visible fetus on US (5/24); serial hCG; fu appt 6/5
	SIR		14 SWK Estrella AZ	Positive	TBA		Yes	Inappropriate sexual relationship with 20 year old male in COO-minor was in a willing relationship
	SIR		15 SWK Antigua TX	Positive	2-3 months		Not To Date	



(b)(6)	Intakes	(b)(6)	16 SWK Antigua	TX	Positive	~1 month	(b)(6)	Not to Date	Dx Threatened abortion. Had spontaneous abortion on
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX	Positive	2 months		Not to Date	Aged out on 5/23
	Intakes		16 CC Boystown	FL	Positive	2 Months		Not to Date	married
	SIR		17 SWK El Presidente	TX	Positive	~7 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16 SWK Antigua	TX	Positive	~1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		13 BokenKamp Shelter	TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 Bokenkamp Shelter	TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15 SWK Sol	AZ	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16 BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		13 Seton Home	TX	Positive	2-3 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX	Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 SWK San Diego	CA	Positive	unknown		Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO; ages out on 5/23
	SIR		16 SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ	Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	SIR		17 SWK Casa Kokopelli	AZ	Positive	~3 months		Not to Date	with 28 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17 SWK Casa Franklin	TX	Positive	1 month		Not to Date	with 20 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		16 SWK Canutillo	TX	Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	with 22 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17 Bokenkamp TFC	TX	Positive	6 months		Not to Date	with 20-21 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		16 SWK Estrella	AZ	Positive	~5 months		Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK Sol	AZ	Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15 BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX	Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	with 28 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Heartland ICC	IL	Positive	4 months		Not to Date	with 17 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX	Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 29 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX	Positive	~7 months		Not to Date	with 17 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Nuevo Amanecer LCS	CA	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	SIR		16 SWK Campbell	AZ	Positive	~1 month		Not to Date	
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Antigua	TX	Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	with (b)(6) male in COO
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Antigua	TX	Positive	~2 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16 SWK Glendale	AZ	Positive	~1 month		Not to Date	with an adult boyfriend in COO
	Portal Notification for sexual abuse		17 Cayuga Centers	NY	Positive	~7 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX	Positive	~6 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK San Diego	CA	Positive	~5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16 Morrison Shelter	WA	Positive	~8 months		Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX	Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17 Bokenkamp	TX	Positive	3 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17 Bokenkamp TFC	TX	Positive	8 Months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		14 SWK Antigua	TX	Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX	Positive	6 Months		Not to Date	with 25 yo male in COO and USA; UAC traveling with male
	SIR		15 BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17 KidsPeace	PA	Positive	2-3 months		Not To Date	SIR was sent on 4/20.
	SIR		16 SWK Antigua	TX	Positive	~3 months		Not to date	
	Intakes		14 Seton Home	TX	Positive	3 months		Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15 SWK Combes	TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 Leake and Watts	NY	Positive	2 months		Not to date	with 25 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX	Positive	6 months		Not to date	With adult male in COO
	SIR		17 David and Margaret	CA	Positive	5 months		Not to date	with 18 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17 SWK Combes	TX	Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15 Seton Home	TX	Positive	~8 months		Not to date	With adult male in COO
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX	Positive	4 months		Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16 Seton Home	TX	Positive	3 Months		Not to Date	
	SIR		15 SWK Casa Quetzal	TX	Positive	1-2 months		Not to date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Program		17 Cayuga Centers	NY	Positive	2 months		Not to date	With 23 yr old male in COO
	Intakes		17 Seton	TX	Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16 Southwest Key Sol	AZ	Positive	8 months		Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO (b)(6)
	SIR		16 Southwest Key Antigua	TX	Positive	2 months		Not To Date	with boyfriend in COO; on 4/17 the minor reported during a weekly individual counseling session that she may want to terminate the pregnancy
	Intakes		15 Seton Home	TX	Positive	5 months		Not To Date	
	Intakes		17 Heartland Intl Childrens RC	IL	Positive	3 months		Not To Date	with 24 yo fiancé in COO
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX	Positive	3 months		Not To Date	
	Intakes		16 Southwest Key Sol	AZ	Positive	10 weeks		Not to date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17 Southwest Key Antigua	TX	Positive	4 months		Not to Date	with 25 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Southwest Key El Presidente	TX	Positive	5-6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16 Southwest Key El Presidente	TX	Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17 Seton Home	TX	Positive	4 months		Not To Date	with 17 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16 Hacienda Del Sol	AZ	Positive	4 months		Not To Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	SIR		15 Southwest Key Nueva	TX	Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		14 SWK Sol	AZ	Positive	7 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15 SWK Sol	AZ	Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		15 SWK Rio Grande	TX	Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	Yes
	Intakes		16 Cayuga Centers	NY	Positive	5 months		Not To Date	Last menstrual cycle 3/2. SA denied; TOP requested on 4/4/2018
	SIR		14 Heartland Intl Childrens RC	IL	Positive	~1 month		Not To Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ	Positive	Pending		Not To Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15 SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX	Positive	9 months		Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO; Delivered baby on 4/3
	Intakes		17 SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX	Positive	7-8 months		Not to Date	with 25 yo male in COO
	SIR		17 Seton Home	TX	Positive	~6 months		Not to date	minor was initially at SWK Esperanza and IES; child aged out on 4/5/2018; DHUC notified by (b)(6) via sir./ with (b)(6) male in COO

(b)(6)	SIR	(b)(6)	16	Seton Home	TX	(b)(6)	Positive	~4.5 months	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Portal Monitoring		16	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months			Yes	(b)(6) on 4/3 child expressed interest in TOP
	Portal Monitoring		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~5 months			Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	Crittendon	CA		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with (b)(6) male in COO
	SIR		17	SWK Sol	AZ		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 26 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	Crittendon	CA		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	With 17-18 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Casa Kokopelli	AZ		Positive	2-3 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		15	Heartland, Casa Guadalupe 2	IL		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		16	SWK Casa Glendale	AZ		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 16 yo male in COO
	Intakes		14	Catholic Guardian Services TFC	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Campbell	AZ		Positive	3-4 months			Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with (b)(6) male in COO
	Intakes/SIR		15	Cayuga Centers	NY		Pending	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15	SWK Kokopelli	AZ		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 25yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Leake and Watts TFC	NY		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	With adult male in COO
	Intakes		16	Cayuga Centers	NY		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 21 yo in COO
	SIR		16	Bokenkamp	TX		Positive	3-4 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Casa Blanca	TX		Positive	~1 month			Yes	Minor ages out on 03/14/2018.
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Casa Kokopelli	AZ		Positive	~1 month			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	SIR		15	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	Spontaneous abortion on 3/12
	Intakes		17	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	3 months			Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	SWK Casa Blanca	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to date	with 21 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6) infection during 2nd trimester
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Casa Kokopelli	AZ		Positive	~1 month			Not to Date	17 yo boyfriend in COO
	Program		13	SWK Casa Antigua	TX		Positive	1-2 months			Yes	15 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Unknown	5 months			unknown	Admission was canceled and NTA was issued.
	SIR		14	SWK Casa Quetzal	TX		Positive	~4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6) by aunt's significant other in USA.
	Intakes		17	Youth for Tomorrow	VA		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	Left home (CA) and traveled to Texas. Claims no sexual abuse. Claims sexual
	Intakes		17	Bethany Christian TFC	MI		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	relations with male of same age. Screened negative during IME. ER eval revealed
	Intakes		14	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with ex-boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		unknown	3 months			unknown	Child discharged the following day of admission/aged out/information about
	SIR		17	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months			No To Date	pregnancy not obtained
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Las Palmas	AZ		Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Sol	AZ		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	Boyfriend in COO
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Pleasant Hill	CA		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		14	Southwest Key Sol	TX		Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17	SWK Quetzal	TX		Positive	~1 month			Not To Date	with 19yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Cayuga Centers	NY		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	SIR		16	Cayuga Centers	NY		Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Bokenkamp TFC	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 17 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		14	SWK Hacienda del Sol	AZ		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	Heartland CHAP	IL		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	With 20 yo male in COO; confirmation of UC age is ongoing
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Las Palmas	AZ		Positive	3.5 months			Not to Date	with 19yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	KidsPeace	PA		Positive	3.5 months			Not to Date	with ex-boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	CC Houston	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	~4 months			Not to Date	with 17 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	Cayuga Centers	NY		Pending	~2 months			Not to Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		14	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~7 months			Not to Date	with 22yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	SWK Campbell	AZ		Positive	2-3 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	Delivered on 2/18/2018
	SIR		17	SWK Hacienda del Sol	AZ		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	2-3 months			Not to date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	SWK Campbell	AZ		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	the pregnancy is a result of consensual relations
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	~2 months			Not To Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK San Diego	CA		Positive	7 months			Not To Date	Delivered male child on 2/9/2018
	SIR		15	SWK Casa Quetzal	TX		Positive	1-2 months			Not To Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to date	with 29 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	BCFS San Antonio TFC	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to date	with 25 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		15	Cayuga Centers	NY		Positive	6 months			Not to date	with 19yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 25 yo male in COO
	Portal Monitoring		17	SWK Montezuma	TX		Positive	~1-2months			Not to Date	(b)(6)



(b)(6)	Intakes	(b)(6)	16	Nuevo Ammanercer TFC	CA	Positive	~7 months	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	SIR		14	SWK El Paso	TX	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Antigua	TX	Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	IES Palm Valley	TX	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	SWK Sol	AZ	Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO; Ages out in 1 month
	Portal Notification for Acute/chronic hepatitis B										
	Intakes		13	SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX	Positive	1.5 months			Yes	TOP request Rescinded 2/7/2018
	Intakes		15	CC Houston	TX	positive	4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	IES Casa Norma Linda	TX	positive	~1 month			yes	with 16 yo male in COO; UAC rescinded request
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Email		15	IES Casa Norma Linda	TX	Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	IES Hidalgo	TX	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX	Positive	4 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		15	His House	FL	Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	~7 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Heartland ICC	IL	Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		16	SWK Las Palmas	AZ	Positive	Pending			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	Cayuga Centers	NY	Positive	4 months			Not to Date	FOC reported to be physically abusive to UAC
	Intakes		16	IES Palm Valley	TX	Positive	3 months			Not to Date	Delivered 3/7/2018
	Intakes		15	IES Harlingen TFC	TX	Positive	7.5 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	SWK Campbell	AZ	Positive	~2-3 months			Yes	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		14	Crittenton	CA	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	Age might be >18 years; BC requested; anencephaly
	Email		17	Heartland Intl Childrens RC	IL	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	With 27 yo male in COO; Spontaneous abortion 12/29;
	Intakes		17	Upbring Foster El Paso	TX	Positive	1-2 month			Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO; Spontaneous abortion 3/24
	SIR		16	SWK Las Palmas	AZ	Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		15	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ	Positive	~4 months			Not to Date	with 17 yo male in coo
	SIR		17	Crittenton	CA	Positive	~4 months			Yes	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	3 months			Not To Date	FOC is 19 yo male in COO; Delivered on 12/30
	Intakes		15	SWK Hacienda Del Sol	AZ	Positive	9 months			Not To Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		14	SWK Casa Kokopelli	AZ	Positive	~2 months			Not To Date	With boyfriend in COO
	SIR		15	His House	FL	Positive	1 month			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO; reported physical abuse by boyfriend
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	8 months			Not to Date	in COO
	Intakes		15	IES Harlingen TFC	TX	Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	SWK Campbell	AZ	Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		16	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ	Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	Cayuga Centers	NY	Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO; reported rape in 2015 by 23 yo male.
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	~7 months			Not to Date	with adult male in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	~5 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		16	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ	Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 24 yo male in coo
	Intakes		17	Bokencamp TFC	TX	Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with (b)(6) male in COO; delivered 12/23/2017
	Intakes		17	SWK Campbell	AZ	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	by male friend in COO
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX	Positive	3 months			Not to Date	with 27 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	IES Hidalgo	TX	Positive	4 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	IES Hidalgo	TX	Positive	6 months			Not to Date	with adult male in COO
	Intakes		15	SWK Glendale	AZ	Positive	5 months			Not To Date	with >18 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		16	David and Margaret	CA	Positive	Pending			Not to Date	with partner in COO
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX	Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	KidsPeace	PA	Pending	3 months			Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Crittenton	CA	Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO; states traveling with FOC to US
	Intakes		16	IES Hidalgo	TX	Positive	6 months			Not To Date	with 17 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	SWK Glendale	AZ	Positive	6 months			Not To Date	with boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	5 months			Not To Date	
	Automated Portal Notification										
	Intakes		16	IES San Benito	TX	Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	with 18 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX	Positive	7 weeks			Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	Bokenkamp TFC	TX	Positive	3 months			Not to Date	UAC has 1.5 yr. old daughter with a 17 yo "husband"
	Program		17	Morrison Downtown	OR	Positive	6 weeks			Yes	With 27 yo male in COO; Program notified DHUC of TOP and pregnancy via email
	Intakes		15	Cayuga Centers TFC	NY	Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 28 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX	Positive	7 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	SIR		16	Abbott House Shelter	NY	Positive	~20 weeks			Yes	(b)(6)
											with 20 yo boyfriend in COO (b)(6)
	SIR		14	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX	Positive	7 months			Not To Date	accommodate child's needs.
											(b)(6)
	SIR		14	SWK Glendale	AZ	Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	period in September. More detail in SIR
	SIR		17	SWK Casa Kokopelli	AZ	Positive	~1 month			Not to Date	with boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17	SWK Canutillo	TX	Positive	3 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		13	SWK Casa Campbell	AZ	Positive	~4 months			Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX	Positive	6 months			Not To Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	IES Harlingen TFC	TX	Positive	7 months			Not To Date	with 19 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	Cayuga Centers TFC	NY	Positive	4 months			Not To Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	IES Foster Brownsville	TX	Positive	5 months			Not To Date	With 20 yo male in COO

(b)(6)	SIR	(b)(6)	16	Youthcare	WA	(b)(6)	Positive	Unknown	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	Yes	Minor denied consensual sexual activity, and denied sexual abuse; UAC seen by OB at (b)(6) and administered Chemical Termination
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~3 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK Sol	AZ		Positive	~7 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~5 months			Not to date	
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~5 months			Not to date	with 28 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	SWK San Diego	CA		Positive	~2 months			Not to date	with 24 yo male in COO
	SIR		16	His House	FL		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17	SWK Casa Quetzal	TX		Positive	~1 month			Not to date	
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to date	
	Intakes		17	Nuevo Amanecer	CA		Positive	9 months			Not to date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	SWK Campbell	AZ		Positive	2 months			Not To Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		14	Seton Home	TX		Positive	8.5 months			Not to Date	In labor at CBP; delivered prior to admission
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Campbell	AZ		Positive	Unknown			Not To Date	with 18 yo male in COO. OBGYN APPT 11/14
	Portal Notification for sexual abuse		17	SWK Casa Montezuma	TX		Positive	~2 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Heartland CHAP	IL		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	SIR		15	Maryville Academy	IL		Positive	~6 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	IES Palm Valley	TX		Positive	4 months			Not To Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	IES Hidalgo	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	SIR		16	SWK Glendale	AZ		Positive	~1 month			Not to Date	with 15 yo boyfriend in COO
	SIR		17	IES Los Fresnos	TX		Positive	2 weeks			Not to Date	consensual with 17 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	Upbring Foster El Paso	TX		Positive	~1 month			Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		14	IES Hidalgo	TX		Positive	~8 months			Not to date	(b)(6)
	SIR		14	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		14	SWK Campbell	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	IES Foster Palm Valley	AZ		Positive	6 months			Not to date	(b)(6) with 18 yo boyfriend in FL
	SIR		15	SWK Glendale	AZ		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	with 17 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	IES Harlingen	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	with 27 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	IES Brownsville	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to date	
	Intakes		14	SWK Campbell	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to date	
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to date	with adult male in COO
	Intakes		16	Bokencamp	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		16	Morrison Downtown	OR		Positive	6 months			Not to date	
	Intakes		17	Heartland CHAP	IL		Positive	~5 months			Not to date	
	SIR		17	SWK Campbell and SWK	TX		Positive	~7 months			Not to date	with 20 yo male in COO; OB appt 10/11
	Intakes		16	SWK Estrella	TX		Positive	~6 months			Not to date	with 25 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		17	IES Brownsville	TX		Positive	9 months			Not to date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to date	with 23 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	David and Margaret	CA		Positive	6 months			Not to date	

DATE_REPORTED	METHOD_OF_NOTIFICATION	ALIEN_NO	AGE	PROGRAM_NAME	PROGRAM_STATE	DATE_ADMITTED	PREG_TEST	ESTIMATED_GESTATIONAL_AGE	CONSENSUAL_SEXUAL_ACTIVITY	SEXUAL_ABUSE_ASSAULT	TOP_REQUESTED	NOTES
(b)(6)	SIR	(b)(6)	17	Southwest Key Nueva	TX	(b)(6)	Positive	4 months	(b)(6)		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Bethany USCCB	MI		Positive	Pending			Pending	
	Intakes		16	Pending	Pending		Pending	Pending			Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Southwest Key San Diego	CA		Positive	~1 month			Requested	
	SIR		17	Homestead	FL		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Pending	Pending		Pending	4 months			Pending	
	Intakes		17	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Pending	3 or 4 months			Pending	
	Intakes		15	Catholic Guardian Services TFC	NY		Pending	6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Pending	Pending			Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Homestead	FL		Positive	~6 weeks			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Pending	9 months			Not to Date	Minor disclosed husband (b)(6) o. in COO
	SIR		17	BCFS Driscoll	TX		Positive	1 month		Yes	UAC States she does not want the pregnancy.	
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	3 months			Pending	
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	2 months			Pending	
	Intakes		17	CHSI Los Fresnos	TX		Pending	8 months			Pending	
	SIR		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	St. PJs Childrens Home	TX		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	Minor disclosed that partner in COO (b)(6)
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	En route	Pending		Pending	Pending			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Pending	Pending			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Casa Houston	TX		Positive	1 month			Pending	
	SIR		17	Homestead	FL		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Homestead	FL		Positive	1 month			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	CHSI San Benito	TX		Pending	Pending			Pending	
	Intakes		17	David and Margaret	CA		Pending	5 months			Pending	
	SIR		13	Seton Home	TX		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	
	SIR		14	Upbring El Paso TFC	TX		Pending	Pending			Pending	
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	1 month			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Pending	2 months			Pending	
	SIR		14	SWK Presidente	TX		Positive	Not clear			Not to Date	UAC experienced a spontaneous abortion
	SIR		17	SWK El Presidente	TX		Positive	9 months			Not to Date	minor delivered and was discharged
	SIR		17	SWK Combes	TX		Positive	8.5 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		11	LSS Carolinas TFC	NC		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	CHSI Casa Norma Linda Shelter	TX		Pending	8 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Pending	3 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Pending	6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Catholic Charities Boystown	FL		Pending	6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Youth For Tomorrow	VA		Pending	1 month			Not to Date	
	Intakes		14	Mercy First	NY		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Catholic Guardian Services TFC	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	7 months			No	
	SIR		17	SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	
	Intakes		14	Bethany Christian Services	FL		Pending	Pending			Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Southwest Key Casa Franklin	TX		Positive	8.5 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Pending	1 month			Not to Date	
	SIR		14	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	3 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Upbring	TX		Pending	7.5 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Cayuga Centers	NY		Pending	Pending			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	4 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		14	SWK Presidente	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Presidente	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Heartland CRC	TX		Pending	4 months			Pending	
	SIR			SWK Casa El Paso	TX		Positive	7 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	8 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Pending	Pending		Pending	7 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Pending	Pending		Pending	6 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Pending	Pending		Pending	4 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Southwest Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Canutillo	TX		Positive	6 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		16	BCFS Driscoll	TX		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	5-6 months			Not to Date	
	SIR		17	St. PJs Childrens Home	TX		Positive	Pending			Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	5 months			Not to Date	



(b)(6)	SIR	(b)(6)	17	Southwest Key Casa	TX	(b)(6)	Positive	Pending	(b)(6)	Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Pending	Pending		Pending	~7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Pending	Pending		Pending	6 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	SWK Casa Montezuma	TX		Positive	Pending		Reported	
	SIR		16	Homestead	FL		Positive	2 months		Reported	Reported request for TOP to program. Transferred to (b)(6)
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	SWK Presidente	TX		Pending	8 months		Pending	
	SIR		15	Southwest Key Casa	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Abbott House TFC	NY		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Upbring	TX		Positive	6 months		Pending	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		14	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Positive	2 months		Yes	TOP completed 3/1/2019; Minor reported not knowing how she became pregnant
	SIR		15	Catholic Charities Boystown	FL		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Upbring	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	Minor had miscarriage 2/14/19.
	Intakes		17	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	CHSI San Benito	TX		Pending	4 months		Pending	
	Intakes		16	CHSI San Benito	TX		Pending	7 months		Pending	
	SIR		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	CC Houston	TX		Positive	Pending		Reported	Reported via CFFS due to transfer request (status of transfer unknown)
	SIR		15	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	Full A# (b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Pending	7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Pending	7 months		Pending	
	Intakes		17	Crittendon Shelter	CA		Pending	8 months		Pending	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		15	Southwest Key Casa Quetzal	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	KidsPeace	PA		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Catholic Charities Boystown	FL		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	1 month		Yes	
	SIR		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	BCFS Driscoll	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	BCFS Driscoll	TX		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Canutillo	TX		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Casa Quetzal	TX		Positive	2-3 months		Pending	
	SIR		17	Catholic Guardian Services TFC	NY		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		15	LSSS New Hope	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key San Benito	TX		Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	4-5 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		15	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	2 months		Yes	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Homestead	FL		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	Transferred to (b)(6)
	SIR		13	BCFS Driscoll	TX		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Homestead	FL		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	
	SIR		15	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Upbring	TX		Pending	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Bokencamp TFC	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	SWK Montezuma	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Bokenkamp TFC	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Leake and Watts TFC	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Upbring Foster El Paso	TX		Positive	6-7 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		14	SWK Combes	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		14	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	SWK Combes	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	

(b)(6)	SIR	(b)(6)	15	SWK El Presidente	TX	(b)(6)	Positive	~3 months	(b)(6)	Not to Date	
	SIR		16	SWK Combes	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Nuevo Amanecer LCS	CA		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	SWK Casa Quetzal	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	1-2 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Crittenton Shelter	CA		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Youth For Tomorrow	VA		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	His House	FL		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	CHSI Casa Norma Linda	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Upbring	TX		Positive	9 months		Not to Date	delivered baby
	SIR		16	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with older adult male in COO
	SIR		16	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	3-4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Heartland ICRC	IL		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	traveling with son and boyfriend
	Intakes		16	Cayuga Centers	NY		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Bethany	MI		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Casa Franklin	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	David and Margaret	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	4 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Crittenton Shelter	CA		Positive	9 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	David and Margaret	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Homestead	FL		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	David and Margaret	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Homestead	FL		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	with her boyfriend in home country
	SIR		17	Homestead	FL		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	6 Months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	in home country by unknown male
	SIR		16	Homestead	FL		Positive	4 Months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Rio Grande	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		15	Southwest Combes	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		16	SWK Las Palmas	AZ		Positive	8-9 months		Not to Date	minor reported consensual sex with 25-year old boyfriend; portal notes state that minor was told by a doc, while in ICE custody, that she was 14 weeks pregnant on 7/27
	SIR		17	BCFS Driscoll	TX		Positive	Pending		Not to Date	minor reported consensual sex with 21-year old boyfriend
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Homestead	FL		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Seton Home	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	1 month		Yes	11/16: requested information regarding TOP. 11/19: didn't addressed this during visit with OB.
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key Casa Franklin	TX		Positive	8.5 months		Not to Date	Traveling with Adult Boyfriend
	SIR		16	Southwest Key Nueva	TX		Positive	~5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		17	SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX		Positive	4 Months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	CHSI Los Fresnos	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	pregnancy not result of sexual abuse
	SIR		15	Homestead	FL		Positive	Pending		Yes	Requested TOP 11/15/2018; transferred to (b)(6) on 11/23
	Intakes		16	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	Cayuga Centers	NY		Positive	4 Months		Not to Date	with 17 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Mercy First	NY		Positive	4 Months		Not to Date	with 23 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	The Villages	KS		Positive	Pending		Yes	(b)(6) TOP Request 11/13/2018; possible threatened abortion miscarriage
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Catholic Charities Boystown	FL		Positive	4-5 Months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		15	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	SWK Presidente	TX		Positive	4 weeks		Yes	TOP requested 11/11/2018
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	Minor aged out on 11/9/2018; 2 days after admission
	SIR		17	Homestead	FL		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	Minor initially denied being sexually active; later confirmed unprotected sexual intercourse in COO; transferred to (b)(6)
	SIR		17	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Crittenton LTFC	CA		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	with 21 yo partner in COO
	Intakes		16	Cayuga Centers	NY		Pending	4 Months		Not to Date	(b)(6)



(b)(6)	Intakes	(b)(6)	15	CHSI San Benito	TX	(b)(6)	Positive	6 months	(b)(6)	Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17	SWK Casa Antigua	TX		Positive	4-5 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo male in US; considers male her husband
	SIR		16	BCFS San Antonio	TX		Positive	2-3 months		Not To Date	with 27 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX		Positive	3 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	SWK Casa Esperanza	TX		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	with 18yo male in COO; SA not result of current pregnancy
	Intakes		13	SWK Antigua	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	NOANK	CT		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 18 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		14	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	6 Months		Not to Date	with 28 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	SWK Nueva Esperanza	TX		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	SIR		16	Homestead	FL		Positive	~2 months		Not to Date	with 21 yo boyfriend in COO
	Intakes		16	Crittenton	CA		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 16 yo male in COO; pregnancy not result of reported SA
	Intakes		16	Bokenkamp	TX		Pending	~3 months		Not to Date	with 29 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK El Presidente	AZ		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO; pregnancy not results of reported SA
	Intakes		17	SWK Casa Campbell	AZ		Positive	3 Months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	Upbring	TX		Positive	9 months		Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK Casa Campbell	AZ		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	Intakes		17	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 26 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Youth For Tomorrow	VA		Positive	4 Months		Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	CHSI San Benito	TX		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	with 29 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	CC Houston	TX		Positive	8 Months		Not to Date	with 21 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	Leake and Watts TFC	NY		Positive	2 Months		Not to Date	with 26 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Antigua	TX		Positive	4 Months		Not to Date	with 29 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	SWK Glendale	AZ		Positive	7 Months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		14	Catholic Gaurdian Services TFC	NY		Positive	3 Months		Not to Date	with ex-partner in COO
	Intakes		15	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	4 Months		Not to Date	with husband in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	~7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key Glendale	AZ		Positive	5-6 months		Not to Date	with 20 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	Heartland ICRC	IL		Positive	5 months		Not to Date	with 24 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	Seton Home	TX		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		16	Southwest Key El Presidente	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	
	Intakes		17	SWK Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
	Intakes		17	SWK Casa Pheonix	AZ		Positive	6 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		17	BCFS San Antonio	TX		Positive	2 months		Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	Intakes		16	CC Fort Worth TFC	TX			8-9 months		Unknown	
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Casa Franklin	TX		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	(b)(6)
	SIR		16	Southwest Key San Diego	CA		Positive	8 months		Not to Date	
	SIR		15	Southwest Key Campbell	AZ		Positive	7 months		Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Estrella	AZ		Positive	1 month		Not to Date	with 19 yo male in COO
	SIR		17	Southwest Key Casa Phoenix	AZ		Positive	6-7 months		Not to Date	with 22 yo male in COO
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#### **HOUSE PASSES SHORT-TERM SPENDING BILL, BUT SENATE REMAINS AT AN IMPASSE.**

This morning, there is extensive television, print and online coverage of news that the House has passed a short-term spending bill, sending the measure to the Senate, where its fate remains uncertain. Outlets concur that a government shutdown is imminent if the Senate fails to follow suit by midnight, and that this will also impact funding for CHIP.

The New York Times (1/18, Kaplan, Stolberg, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports that on Thursday night, the House “approved a stopgap spending bill...to keep the government open past Friday, but Senate Democrats – angered by President Trump’s vulgar aspersions and a lack of progress on a broader budget and immigration deal – appeared ready to block the measure.” The measure passed by a vote of 230 to 197. However, it remains to be seen if the Senate will also pass the bill and avoid a shutdown by midnight on Friday. The article says at least 12 Senate Democrats would have to vote for the measure and “there was little chance” that would happen. The piece adds that the legislation would also provide CHIP funding for six years, and “delay or suspend” several ACA taxes.

The Washington Post (1/18, Debonis, O’Keefe, Werner, 11.19M) reports that despite House passage, “the possibility of a federal shutdown moved closer to a certainty after Senate Democrats rallied against the GOP proposal, announcing they would not lend their votes to a bill that did not reflect their priorities on immigration, government spending and other issues.” The measure would need 60 votes to pass in the upper chamber, and nine Senate Democrats who voted in favor of a temporary funding bill in December declared that they were opposed to this one.

USA Today (1/18, Shesgreen, Collins, 8.23M) reports that Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said on the Senate floor, “The CR leaves out so many priorities that the American people want and demand. Opioids. Veterans. Pensions. It doesn’t resolve the fate of the Dreamers. It doesn’t include an increase in military funding that members from both sides of the aisle would support.” Schumer suggested that “a bipartisan deal was within reach.” But President Trump “complicated matters” Thursday morning when he tweeted, “CHIP should be part of a long term solution, not a 30 Day, or short term, extension!”

On its front page, the Wall Street Journal (1/19, A1, Andrews, Peterson, Hughes, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that the possibility of a shutdown increased on Thursday as Senate Democrats expressed opposition to the short-term spending bill which the House passed. Democrats contend the measure fails to address several crucial issues.

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, Mascaro, 5.51M) also reports that the four-week, stopgap spending bill “was headed for probable defeat in the Senate amid opposition from most Democrats and a few Republicans.” This “setback sends the White House and congressional leaders back to the negotiating table in a frantic search for a compromise.” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) “criticized Democrats for playing politics with the nation’s stability and security,” and accused them of “putting the needs of the young immigrants ahead the rest of the country.” In turn, Schumer “blamed Republicans’ internal divisions and a lack of leadership from the White House, particularly amid the president’s shifting views in immigration talks.”

The AP (1/19, Fram, Taylor) reports that in light of the impasse in the Senate, there is “little hope for negotiators searching for a way to avoid shuttering federal offices and keeping thousands of employees home from work.” However, “Senate Democrats appeared ready to take the risk of shouldering the blame.” The article says Democrats are “emboldened” by their constituents who are urging them “to challenge Trump.”



Similarly, Politico (1/18, Bresnahan, Bade, Everett, 3.22M) reports that “Congress is careening toward the first shutdown in more than four years,” as both parties appear to be at an “intractable impasse” over the bill. The article says “it’s unclear what, if anything, can clear” the Senate’s “supermajority threshold,” given that the chamber could not even agree to vote on the matter on Thursday night. Politico adds, “The end game appears to be either a much shorter extension of government funding and rapid negotiations – or a shutdown and finger-pointing.”

Likewise, the Washington Times (1/18, Miller, Sherfinski, 505K) reports, “Senate passage is far from guaranteed, with both Democrats and a smattering of Republicans saying they can’t stomach another stopgap spending bill without including an amnesty for illegal immigrant Dreamers.” The article says Senate Democrats “gave a long list of things they wanted to see in the continuing resolution,” most importantly, “an immigration deal, but they also wanted a pension bailout for some union workers, a different version of” CHIP, “and a boost in funding for domestic needs.”

The Hill (1/18, Sullivan, 1.99M) reports on President Trump’s tweet ahead of the House vote. The article says GOP lawmakers “were quick to say that Trump’s tweet was not a problem even as they sought to correct the president.” Later in the day, White House spokesman Raj Shah attempted to clarify Trump’s position, saying, “The President supports the continuing resolution introduced in the House.” The piece adds that McConnell did not mention Trump’s tweet during his floor remarks, but kept “up the pressure on Democrats to support the spending bill because it funds CHIP.” Schumer responded that it was “outrageous” to claim Democrats do not support CHIP.

On its website, CNBC (1/18, Pramuk, 3.1M) reports that Trump’s comments about CHIP could “influence some Republicans’ votes on the proposal – or give some Democrats cover not to back the bill.” The article adds that Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-TX) “said it may not have been ‘clear’ to Trump that CHIP would get reauthorized for six years under the short-term spending bill, according to NBC News.”

CNN (1/18, Merica, Klein, 31.91M) reports on its website that Trump’s tweet “threw negotiations over how to fund the government into chaos as a Friday deadline looms.” The piece adds that Republicans, including some Trump Administration officials, “had planned to use funding for children’s health care program to woo Democratic votes for the short-term spending bill.”

Also covering the story are: ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 2, 2:45, Muir, 14.63M), the CBS Evening News (1/18, story 2, 2:20, Glor, 11.17M), NBC Nightly News (1/18, lead story, 2:25, Guthrie, 16.61M), Reuters (1/19, Cowan, Becker), Bloomberg News (1/18, Edgerton, 3.31M), The Hill (1/18, Marcos, 1.99M), the Washington Times (1/18, Miller, 505K), the Washington Examiner (1/18, Giaritelli, 442K), the Daily Intelligencer (NY) (1/18, Kilgore, 882K), Roll Call (DC) (1/18, Bennett, 149K), U.S. News & World Report (1/18, Levy, 1.88M), a second Washington Examiner (1/18, Leonard, 442K) article, a third Washington Examiner (1/18, Quinn, 442K) article, and a fourth Washington Examiner (1/18, King, 442K) article.

***NYTimes Urges Congress To Take Action To Avert Shutdown.*** In an editorial, the New York Times (1/18, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) calls a shutdown “calamitous evidence of bipartisan dysfunction, and, in this case, chaotic and cruel directives from the White House.” The Times urges Congress to “send the president a credible budget and demand that he sign it.” The paper adds that GOP lawmakers are attempting “to buy Democratic votes by attaching a six-year extension of” CHIP, but to date, “the ploy hasn’t worked. Thus the impasse.”

***Trump Accused Of Sabotaging GOP Efforts To Garner Democratic Support For Funding Bill.*** Aaron Blake writes in the Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) “The Fix” blog that after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) urged President Trump to support the short-term funding bill, Trump tweeted on Thursday morning, “CHIP should be part of a long term solution, not a 30 Day, or short term, extension!” Blake says GOP lawmakers “are clearly trying to use CHIP as leverage to pass the bill,” and Trump’s tweet “complicates the GOP’s strategy for winning vital Democratic support for” the measure.

***Congress Urged To Renew CHIP Funding.*** Heather Long writes in the Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) “Wonkblog” that parents of the nine million children covered by CHIP “are panicking because funding for the program has nearly run out.” She says GOP lawmakers “thought they had a grand solution: They pitched Democrats a deal to do a one-month extension of overall government funding and a six-year extension of CHIP money.” However, “President Trump tweeted Thursday morning that was a bad idea.” Long says if CHIP is not renewed this week, there could be “dire consequences for kids.”

***Republicans Accused Of Using CHIP Funding As A Bargaining Tool.*** Dylan Scott writes in a Vox (1/18, 1.59M) piece that CHIP is going through “an unprecedented crisis: More than 100 days ago, funding for a program that covers 9 million kids technically expired,” and congressional Republicans “haven’t rushed to extend it long-term – not until they could get something in return.” He says Republicans “attached a six-year CHIP extension to their short-term spending bill in an attempt to deter Democrats from shutting down the federal government this week over the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which the two parties still haven’t agree on how to fix.” In the meantime, families “have been left to live in fear that their children’s health insurance could be taken away – and losing faith in CHIP for the long term.”

***Some Nine Million Children Could Lose Coverage If CHIP Funding Is Not Renewed.*** The Huffington Post (1/18, Young, 5.19M) reports that health coverage “for 9 million kids could disappear as soon as Friday because the majority-Republican Congress can’t get out of its own way.” The article says Friday is “the last day that federal authorities can guarantee they will be able to send money to the states, which jointly run the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) with the federal government, to keep it alive.” The piece adds that “congressional GOP leaders decided to add CHIP, which covers low-income children, to the short-term funding bill as a way to pressure congressional Democrats to vote for it.” Instead, Senate Democrats are refusing to vote for the measure because it does not include a deal for Dreamers.



***Pelosi Says Congress Should Have Extended CHIP Funding In September.*** The Washington Examiner (1/18, Weaver, 442K) reports that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) “downplayed the inclusion of the Children’s Health Insurance Program in the Republican spending plan.” She said, “This is like giving you a bowl of doggy-doo, put a cherry on top and call it a chocolate sundae. This is nothing.” The article adds that Pelosi “argued CHIP funding should have been taken care of in September and been extended for 10 years.”

**HHS LAUNCHES CONSCIENCE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DIVISION.** The Washington Post (1/18, A1, Cha, Eilperin, 11.19M) reports that the Trump Administration announced Thursday a new civil rights division within the Department of Health and Human Services to “protect health-care workers who refuse to provide services that run counter to their moral or religious convictions.” The office will review complaints by physicians, nurses, or other healthcare workers “who feel they have been pressured by employers to ‘perform, accommodate or assist with’ procedures that violate their beliefs,” and, if such a complaint is found valid, “an entity receiving federal dollars could have that funding revoked.” HHS Acting Secretary Eric Hargan said, “For too long, too many of these health-care practitioners have been bullied and discriminated against.”

USA Today (1/18, O'Donnell, 8.23M) reports that the new federal office on “Conscience and Religious Freedom” would support healthcare workers “in their opposition to performing abortions, euthanasia or procedures on transgender people.” The article quotes Hargan saying, “The Founding Fathers knew that a nation that respects conscience rights is more diverse and more free, and OCR’s new division will help make that vision a reality.” The director of the Office of Civil Rights Roger Severino added, “Laws protecting religious freedom and conscience rights are just empty words on paper if they aren’t enforced. ... No one should be forced to choose between helping sick people and living by one’s deepest moral or religious convictions, and the new division will help guarantee that victims of unlawful discrimination find justice.”

The New York Times (1/18, Pear, Peters, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports that religious conservatives praised the action to “address long-held concerns that religious people could be forced to comply with laws and regulations that violate their religious beliefs.” Severino added that since President Trump was inaugurated, his office had received 34 complaints of violations of the conscience rights of healthcare providers, when between 2008 and October 2016, there were only 10. Hargan argued that religious people will no longer be “bullied by the federal government because of their religious beliefs.” The Times observes, “Outside the religious conservative movement, the recent moves have won little applause.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Armour, Radnofsky, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that HHS sent the proposal for the new division to the White House Friday. The Journal also reports that the division will engage in enforcement, policy, and outreach directed at helping healthcare practitioners with moral and religious objections.

The AP (1/18, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports that Acting Secretary Hargan “painted a picture of clinicians under government coercion to violate the dictates of conscience” in his remarks. He said to the audience, “The federal government and state governments have hounded religious hospitals and the men and women who staff them, forcing them to provide or refer for services

that violate their consciences, when they only wish to serve according to their religious beliefs.”

ABC News (1/18, McGraw, 4.65M) reports that House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) “slammed the Obama administration’s Office of Civil Rights,” and said, “In the past this office sent the message, now is not the time for freedom, it is time for you to conform. What a different [sic] one year makes.” ABC quotes Hargan as saying, “President Trump promised the American people that his administration would vigorously uphold the rights of conscience and religious freedom,” adding, “That promise is being kept today.”

***Democratic Lawmakers Say New Office Puts Ideology, Politics Ahead Of Medical Care.***

The Washington Times (1/18, Howell, 505K) reports Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) responded to the move in saying, “This would be yet another attempt to let ideology dictate who is able to get the care they need.” She added, “Any approach that would deny or delay health care to someone and jeopardize their well-being for ideological reasons is unacceptable.”

Congressional Quarterly (1/18, Raman, Subscription Publication) reports that Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Louise Slaughter (D-NY), leaders of the “Pro-Choice Caucus,” issued a statement which said: “This is a political attempt to put patients’ health at risk in clear violation of medical duty. A provider’s personal beliefs should never determine the care a patient receives. ... Such practices put personal beliefs over patients’ needs and could result in infertility, infection and even death.”

The Washington Examiner (1/18, Higgins, 442K) reports Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) said that the Trump Administration is trying to “legalize discrimination.” Scott explained Thursday, “This announcement must be examined as part of the administration’s broader pattern of promoting discrimination,” adding, “To be clear – this effort does not represent religious liberty; it is government-sanctioned discrimination.”

***New Division Expected To Raise Legal, Ethical Questions.*** Reuters (1/18, Clarke) reports that “as the division seeks to back exemptions, it is likely to face legal and ethical challenges.” Alta Charo, a professor of law and bioethics at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, argues that medical professionals take an oath to serve the sick, adding, “When the director of the office of civil rights is quoted as saying that ‘No physician should have to choose between helping a sick person or following their personal conscience,’ the director is simply wrong. That choice was made the moment they became physicians.” Reuters mentions that the American Medical Association “declined to comment on the policy because it has not seen a written proposal.”

Bloomberg News (1/18, Livingston, 3.31M) reports that both the American Medical Association and the American Nurses Association “say in their ethical codes that health-care providers shouldn’t discriminate against patients based on characteristics like gender identity, sexual orientation or race.” The AMA says in its codes, “Freedom to act according to conscience is not unlimited,” and suggests that physicians who decline to treat a patient should then help the patients find someone who will.



The Hill (1/18, Hellmann, 1.99M) reports that the American Civil Liberties Union announced it will take legal action. Its deputy legal director Louise Melling said, “Denying patients health care is not liberty. ... Should the administration choose to move forward to implement a discriminatory policy, we will see them in court.”

The Atlantic (1/18, Green, 1.74M) reports that the “initiative doesn’t change the law,” but “it strongly signals the focus of the department’s Office of Civil Rights” and “seems to be targeted at a particular set of issues: those that deal with the beginning and end of life.”

NPR (1/18, Kodjak, 2.49M) reports that the launching of the division “reverses an Obama-era policy that barred health care workers from refusing to treat transgender individuals or people who have had or are seeking abortions.”

Modern Healthcare (1/18, Dickson, Subscription Publication, 233K) reports that some physicians expressed concern for their LGBT patients and pointed to research that “shows people who identify as LGBT face significant healthcare disparities due to stigma and lack of provider awareness and sensitivity.”

Also reporting are separate articles in the Washington Post (1/18, Bailey, 11.19M) and the Washington Examiner (1/18, King, 442K), CNBC (1/18, Ernst, 3.1M), Newsweek (1/18, Guarnieri, 1.5M), Fierce Healthcare (1/18, Finnegan, 146K), and Vox (1/18, Kirby, 1.59M).

## **The Secretary in the News:**

**SENATE DEMOCRATS SAY MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT BE LEGAL.** The AP (1/18, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports that on Thursday, 29 senators said the Trump Administration’s policy change which allows states to impose Medicaid work requirements “is legally questionable.” The article adds that they framed “an argument likely to be aired in court.” The lawmakers made the comments in a letter to Acting HHS Secretary Eric Hargan. The letter says “work requirements ‘contradict the plain text and purpose’ of the Medicaid statute, as well as ‘Congress’s longstanding intent for the Medicaid program.’”

Congressional Quarterly (1/18, Williams, Subscription Publication) reports that the senators, led by Senate Finance Committee ranking member Ron Wyden (D-OR), told Hargan, “Ultimately, this leads to poorer health and more frequent use of the emergency room, all of which ends up costing the system and taxpayers more in the long run. ... Such harmful proposals clearly undermine the purpose of the Medicaid Act, prioritizing ideology over health.”

**OPINION: AZAR WILL BRING UNNEEDED PAIN TO NURSES.** Nurse Alliance of the Service Employees International Union delegates Sasha Cuttler, Patricia Greenberg and Rita Lewis write for The Hill (1/18, 1.99M) that they “didn’t think Trump could do worse than Tom Price” for Health and Human Services Secretary, but a “greater risk looms” with Alex Azar, whom they argue is “part of the problem” of the opioid crisis and “price-gouging by Big Pharma and insurance companies.” Azar’s history, they argue, “suggests he will not make health care better, but will cause unneeded pain to our communities.”

## **HHS in the News:**

**FLU VICTIMS’ FAMILIES WARN ABOUT SEVERITY OF VIRUS.** Fox News (1/18, Earl, 15.47M) reports that the deaths of otherwise healthy and active people have led their families and experts to encourage others to seek vaccinations, emphasizing that whether “you run marathons or play sports, when it comes to the flu, no one is completely immune.” The deaths of flu victims such as 12-year-old Alyssa Alcaraz, 10-year-old athlete Nico Mallozzi, and 21-year-old personal trainer Kyler Baughman underscore the indiscriminate spread of the flu this season. The article says the CDC recently reported the flu “is now widespread in every state except Hawaii and it has claimed the lives of at least 20 children,” while CDC epidemiologist Lynnette Brammer, who leads the CDC’s Domestic Influenza Surveillance Team, said “we hear every year of people that were previously healthy and active and they get influenza and die and for reasons we don’t understand.”

**OVERBURDENED BY FLU SEASON, HOSPITALS FORCED TO USE INNOVATIVE TREATMENT OPTIONS.** TIME (1/18, MacMillan, 5.5M) reports some hospitals are so burdened by efforts to treat flu patients this season that many “are responding with extraordinary measures: asking staff to work overtime, setting up triage tents, restricting friends and family visits and canceling elective surgeries, to name a few.” In California, for example, some hospitals have erected “surge tents” to treat patients; but even then, “emergency departments had standing-room only, and some patients had to be treated in hallways.” The article adds that CDC director Brenda Fitzgerald said last week that the season may be close to peaking, but that “it will take many more weeks for flu activity to truly slow down.”

**DEATH OF 10-YEAR-OLD ATHLETE DUE TO FLU SPOTLIGHTS SEASON’S SEVERITY.** The Washington Post (1/18, Bever, 11.19M) reports on the recent death of 10-year-old hockey player Nico Mallozzi of New Canaan, Connecticut. His mother said “he was like an ox” in that he had never been sick, which made it all the more shocking when he contracted the flu and his condition worsened to the point that he was hospitalized twice. After being “rushed to another New York hospital,” Mallozzi “was confirmed dead before the end of the day” on Sunday. A medical examiner said Nico died of sepsis due to pneumonia, a complication of the flu. The Post says the flu is widespread this year, and quotes CDC influenza division director Dr. Daniel Jernigan as saying, “Flu is everywhere in the United States right now. ... There’s lots of flu in lots of places.” The piece also quotes Brendan Flannery, an epidemiologist with the CDC’s influenza division, as saying this season demonstrates “the flu can be fatal” and the many deaths the virus has caused “reinforce the need to prevent the flu.”



**SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTS 24 FLU DEATHS THIS SEASON.** The Greenville (SC) News (1/18, Osby, 175K) reports South Carolina has recorded 24 flu deaths this season. The state saw seven deaths due to the flu at this time last season. The article quotes CDC director Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald as saying the flu viruses in circulation this year “are often linked to more severe illness, especially among children and people age 65 and older.” She added, “While our flu vaccines are far from perfect...they are the best way to prevent getting sick from the flu and it is not too late to get one.” CDC influenza division director Dr. Dan Jernigan also is quoted as saying, “CDC recommends that people who are very sick or people with flu symptoms who are high-risk for serious flu complications should be treated as soon as possible with flu antiviral drugs.”

**PERCENTAGE OF YOUNG ADULT WOMEN WHO FILLED PRESCRIPTIONS FOR AD/HD MEDICATIONS HAS INCREASED MORE THAN FIVEFOLD SINCE 2003, CDC REPORTS.** The New York Times (1/18, Carey, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports, “The percentage of young adult women who filled prescriptions for” medications to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) “has increased more than fivefold since 2003, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.” The study’s findings raise “concerns specific to women, according to Coleen Boyle, director of the CDC’s National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.” Boyle stated, “Half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, and women may be taking prescription medicine early in pregnancy before they know they are pregnant.”

According to USA Today (1/18, Weintraub, 8.23M), “the report does not explain why the number rose so much, but experts in the field note that the public’s understanding of” AD/HD “has been transformed since the early 2000s.”

HealthDay (1/18, Preidt, 7K) reports that “the exact effects on the fetus of” AD/HD medications are currently unknown. In a news release, Boyle added, “We need to better understand the safest ways to treat” AD/HD “before and during pregnancy.” The findings were published Jan. 18 in the CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Also covering the study is the Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/18, Olson, 1.17M).

**FITZGERALD HAS NOT TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS IN SEVEN MONTHS DUE TO UNRESOLVED CONFLICTS.** Politico (1/18, Haberkorn, Ehley, 3.22M) reports CDC Director Brenda Fitzgerald “is unable to speak before Congress about much of what her agency is doing” because financial conflicts of interest still remain unresolved “after seven months on the job.” Politico reports Fitzgerald’s recusals on “key issues,” including cancer detection and aspects of the opioid crisis, “have hindered her ability to lead and openly address some of the most important health concerns facing the country,” because she and her husband have “more than \$300,000 in investments in GW Ventures and Greenway Messenger, both deemed conflicts of interest.” Fitzgerald faces pressure from both parties to unload the holdings, the article says.

**OP-ED: NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR ZIKA.** Dr. Gary Brunette, chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Travelers’ Health Branch, writes in an op-ed in the Orlando (FL) Sentinel (1/18, 693K) that as people make preparations for the new year, “now is the time to prevent Zika,” particularly for pregnant women. Dr. Brunette explains the CDC considers Zika “a major public health concern in many parts of the world” and “recommends that U.S. travelers who

are planning to visit Latin America or the Caribbean take action now to prevent contracting or spreading Zika.”

**CDC’S DATA SHARING SYSTEM HALTED IN ARIZONA DUE TO TECHNICAL ERROR.** The Arizona Republic (1/18, Alltucker, 1.03M) reports Arizona is unable to access “a key public health surveillance tool used to track deaths caused by diseases circulating in the community” due to a “technical error in how the state reports death records to” the CDC. Arizona sends “updates on death records to the CDC, which returns the data”; but since October – when Arizona launched the “birth and death records database called the Database Application for Vital Events, or DAVE,” which sends information to the CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics – the state has not had access to the data. Dr. Cara Christ, director of the Health Services Department, explained that the CDC “is getting a couple of Arizona-specific reports that they don’t need, and we are trying to remove them” by February.

**FDA POISED TO LAUNCH UNPRECEDENTED ANTI-SMOKING PLAN.** The AP (1/19, Perrone) reports on the “unprecedented anti-smoking plan” being prepared by the US Food and Drug Administration which would “drastically cut nicotine levels in cigarettes so that they are essentially non-addictive,” and then clear a path for “lower-risk products” – such as e-cigarettes – “that deliver nicotine without the deadly effects of traditional cigarettes.” The FDA may begin the process of controlling nicotine levels as soon as this month, and “next week, the agency will hold a public meeting on a closely watched cigarette alternative from Philip Morris International, which, if granted FDA clearance, could launch as early as February.” FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb explained that both pieces of the plan have to progress together, saying, “I’m not going to advance this in a piecemeal fashion.”

**FDA PLANNING MORE RESTRICTIVE POLICY FOR BULK DRUG COMPOUNDING, GOTTLIEB SAYS.** Reuters (1/18, Raymond) reports “FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said the agency in March will issue draft guidance with new criteria for determining what substances can be used to produce drugs in bulk for hospitals and doctors’ offices without individual patient prescriptions.” He told Reuters, “Ultimately, there’s no question that the framework we will be laying out will place more restrictions on what they can do.” Additional, Gottlieb said the agency is “preparing a new policy to give state boards of pharmacy more flexibility to oversee compounding pharmacies that ship drugs interstate and is still working on guidance to encourage more pharmacies to register with the FDA.”

**VICE PRESIDENT PUSHING FOR RIGHT-TO-TRY LEGISLATION.** STAT (1/18, Mershon, 56K) reports that earlier this week, Vice President Mike Pence met with FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb to discuss right-to-try legislation, which Pence supports. The article reports that the Senate passed a right-to-try bill last year, but efforts to pass the bill have stalled in the House in part because of concerns raised by Gottlieb.

**FDA TO POST RECALL NOTICES MORE QUICKLY.** The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (1/18, Bowling, 315K) reports that the Food and Drug Administration will post recall notices sooner to “alert consumers to problems with a product” while the agency “is still analyzing the risk the product poses, according to the agency’s blog.” According to Douglas Stearn, the Director of the FDA’s Office of Enforcement and Import Operations, the FDA has added a “not-yet-classified”



category to its weekly Enforcement Report.

**FDA COMMITS TO MAKING US MARKET A TOP PRIORITY FOR NOVEL DEVICE**

**DEVELOPERS BY THE END OF 2020.** Fierce Biotech (1/18, Taylor) reports that the Food and Drug Administration “has committed to making the U.S. market a top priority for most developers of novel devices by the end of 2020.” The agency’s 2018-2020 strategy document says, “By Dec. 31, 2020, more than 50% of manufacturers of novel technologies for the U.S. market intend to bring their devices to the U.S. first or in parallel with other major markets.” According to the article, this “wording” is significant because “rather than commit to being the first choice market for more than 50% of medical device developers by a certain date, the FDA has limited its task to ensuring that companies ‘intend’ to prioritize the U.S.,” reflecting “it will take time for the FDA’s actions to change R&D priorities.”

**OPINION: FDA SHOULD DISCLOSE MORE INFORMATION ON DECISIONS TO DECLINE APPROVAL OF DRUGS.**

In an opinion piece for Bloomberg News (1/18, 3.31M), Max Nisen writes that “at an absolute minimum, the FDA should work toward releasing a summary of the reasoning behind each of its CRLs and any proposed remedies,” although “broad release of letters would be ideal.” Nisen concludes, “Even a modest shift from the current system – where companies aggressively massage the truth and valuable information is kept under wraps – would be a major improvement.”

**SCIENCE ADVICE PANELS HAVE FEWER MEMBERS AND MEET LESS OFTEN UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMP.**

Science Magazine (1/18, Brainard, 440K) reports that since President Trump took office, “expert panels that provide key federal agencies with science advice have had fewer members and met less often than at any time since 1997, when the government started tracking such numbers, a new analysis concludes.” The Union of Concerned Scientists’ Center for Science and Democracy conducted the analysis by reviewing the membership and activity of 73 expert panels that advise five agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. Also covering aspects of the story are The Hill (1/18, Green, 1.99M) and Newsweek (1/18, Guarneri, 1.5M).

**NONINVASIVE BLOOD TEST MAY DETECT SIGNS OF EIGHT TYPES OF CANCER BEFORE ANY SYMPTOMS ARISE, RESEARCHERS SAY.**

In “Science Now,” the Los Angeles Times (1/18, Netburn, 5.51M) reports that researchers “have developed a noninvasive blood test that can detect signs of eight types of cancer long before any symptoms of the disease arise.”

The NPR (1/18, Harris, 2.49M) “Shots” blog reports that the “experimental test, dubbed CancerSEEK, focuses on eight major cancers: lung, breast, colon, pancreas, liver, stomach, ovary and esophagus.”

Newsweek (1/18, Sheridan, 1.5M) reports that in a study, “which screened over 1,000 patients known to have cancer and 815 people presumed to be healthy,” researchers “found that the test could accurately detect cancer when it existed about 70 percent of the time and accurately did not detect cancer more than 99 percent of the time.” Meanwhile, “the test also gave” physicians



“clues about where to look for a tumor in about 83 percent of the cases used.” The findings were published in Science. Dr. Mark Roschewski, a lymphoma researcher at the National Cancer Institute’s Center for Cancer Research, said, “In solid tumors, earlier detection is actually the key. The earlier that one could detect a patient with a tumor, the more likely that the intervention would succeed because the intervention is surgery.” Dr. Roschewski was not involved in the research.

The AP (1/18, Marchione) reports, however, that “the test is nowhere near ready for use yet; it needs to be validated in a larger study already underway in a general population, rather than cancer patients, to see if it truly works and helps save lives.” The AP adds, “The work was financed by many foundations, the Mayo Clinic, the National Institutes of Health and Howard Hughes Medical Institute.”

**RISK OF ENDOMETRIAL, OVARIAN CANCERS MAY BE LOWER AMONG WOMEN WHO USE ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES, RESEARCH SUGGESTS.** TIME (1/18, Park, 5.5M) reports that research published in JAMA Oncology indicated “the risk of endometrial and ovarian cancers were lower among women who used” oral contraceptives. The study also “found that the longer women were on oral contraceptives, the lower their risk was.” The data indicated that “for those taking the pill for 10 years or more, the risk of ovarian cancer was 40% lower compared to women who had never used the pill or used them for less than a year, and 34% lower for endometrial cancer.” Britton Trabert, the study’s senior author and epidemiologist from the division of cancer epidemiology and genetics at the National Cancer Institute, said, “We found long-term oral contraceptive use reduced ovarian cancer risk universally – it didn’t matter how healthy you were later in life or if you had a family history of the disease; all women experienced the benefit.” Meanwhile, Kara Michels, the study’s lead author and a postdoctoral fellow at NCI, said, “Our study indicates that for women with different underlying cancer risks when they are older, their earlier oral contraceptive use is likely still beneficial for cancer prevention.”

HealthDay (1/18, Mundell, 7K) reports, however, that “long-term use of the pill appeared to have no effect on a woman’s odds for either breast or colon cancers.”

**GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON SCIENCE.** The AP (1/18, Kellman) reports, “A government shutdown would be disruptive to research and morale at the National Institutes of Health but would not adversely affect patients already in medical studies, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the agency’s infectious disease chief said Thursday.” He is quoted as saying, “We still take care of them. ... You never want to put patients in any jeopardy.”

Nature (1/18, Morello, 197K) outlines how a government shutdown could have a negative impact on science by forcing different government agencies to put employees on leave. The article says that during a shutdown, many researchers at the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration would be put on leave, and that new patients could not be admitted for treatment by the NIH unless NIH Director Francis Collins deemed it medically necessary.

**“WAR ON SCIENCE” IS A MISNOMER.** In a greater than 2,400-word article, BuzzFeed (1/18, Aldhous, 7.21M) reports that while some have accused the Trump Administration of waging a

“war on science,” many experts dispute that notion. The article reports that while President Trump has proposed cutting funding for scientific research and taken other actions that could harm scientific research, he has also supported scientific research and kept NIH Director Francis Collins in his position, so the phrase “war on science” is not accurate.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE WANTS ANSWERS ON EFFORTS TO CURB SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT UNIVERSITIES THAT RECEIVE SCIENCE GRANTS.** BuzzFeed (1/18, Ghorayshi, 7.21M) reports that on Thursday, the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology sent a letter asking the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) “to conduct an investigation of what federal agencies that fund science are doing about sexual harassment.” The letter aims to “bring more accountability to universities, which draw a substantial amount of research funding from federal programs, but are incentivized to keep sexual harassment investigations a secret.” The article mentions that the National Institutes of Health gives \$16.6 billion to universities and colleges; and the National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, US Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and NASA all contribute more than \$1 billion.

**SUCCESS OF AI IN HEALTHCARE DEPENDS ON QUALITY DATA, REPORT SAYS.** Fierce Healthcare (1/18, Sweeney, 146K) reports, “The healthcare industry is primed for artificial intelligence to reshape the delivery of medical care,” however, the value of the technology is contingent on access to quality data, “according to a...report (PDF) commissioned by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).” Officials from the AHRQ and ONC said that they plan to work with the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health to find ways that AI could improve healthcare and research.

**FEDERAL OFFICIALS DELAY CHANGES TO RULES OVER MEDICAL RESEARCH ON HUMAN SUBJECTS.** STAT (1/18, Thielking, 56K) reports that the Department of Health and Human Services and 15 other agencies “are delaying changes to the policy that governs medical research on human subjects, just days before the changes were set to go into effect.” The changes to the so-called Common Rule, “a federal policy that lays out the requirements for running research that involves human subjects,” were set to be implemented beginning January 19.

**HHS’ KADLEC SAYS AGENCY NEEDS MORE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.** Fierce Healthcare (1/18, 146K) reports that at Wednesday’s Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee hearing Department of Health and Human Services assistant secretary Robert Kadlec said that the agency “can’t do more things with limited resources” in the event of a public health emergency. The article reports the Infectious Disease Society of America urged legislators to “bolster public health responses that the hearing represents,” while recent public health crises “prove that there is more work to be done, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said in his testimony.” The piece says ranking Democrat Sen. Patty Murray (WA) “did express concern that Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Brenda Fitzgerald was unable to attend” because of “conflicts of interest related to her investments.”



**HHS DELAYS COMMON RULE IMPLEMENTATION BY SIX MONTHS.** [Fierce Healthcare](#) (1/18, Sweeney, 146K) reports that the Department of Health and Human Services, along with 15 other federal agencies, “has issued a six-month delay to an Obama-era rule that provides health informatics researchers with greater access to EHR and patient-reported data.” The article says the notice “left open the possibility the rule could be delayed past July, noting that federal agencies are ‘in the process of developing a proposed rule to further delay implementation of the 2018 Requirements.’” The move “came as a relief to the American Medical Informatics Association,” which advocated for a delay, the piece says.

**CMS’ VERMA TO FOCUS ON REDUCING HOSPITAL REGULATIONS.** [Congressional Quarterly](#) (1/18, Clason, Subscription Publication) reports that CMS Administrator Seema Verma wants to “reduce oversight and provide more flexibility to the hospital industry.” Verma said Wednesday, according to the article, that CMS “will focus on reducing data reporting and reining in qualifying conditions for hospitals seeking to participate in Medicare, which are two of the industry’s top requests.” Verma explained that the current quality reporting metrics are not effective and the burden on hospitals to compile data is too great, and concluded, “That is simply not where we should be” on quality reporting.

**CMS’ VERMA FORMING INTERAGENCY GROUP TO REVIEW STARK LAW.** In continuing coverage, [Fierce Healthcare](#) (1/18, Minemyer, 146K) reports that CMS will put together an interagency group “to take a look at the regulatory barriers posed by federal antikickback laws as part of its efforts to re-examine existing regulations.” CMS Administrator Seema Verma said in a townhall Wednesday that some of the most common comments the agency received when it asked for “information from providers on the regulatory hurdles they find most burdensome” related to the Stark Law. Verma said, “I think the Stark law was developed a long time ago, and given where we’re going in terms of modernizing [Medicare] and the payment systems we are now operating under, we need to bring along some of those regulations.”

**CMS’ VERMA PLANS TO PRIORITIZE HEALTH IT INNOVATION, REGULATORY RELIEF.** [EHR Intelligence](#) (1/18, Monica) reports that CMS Administrator Seema Verma plans to “prioritize health IT innovation and regulatory relief for clinical documentation” this year. Verma discussed the Patients Over Paperwork initiative, saying, “CMS puts out 11,000 pages of regulations every year. I’m not sure how the healthcare system has been dealing with this over the years but we are dedicated to trying to address that issue.” She also discussed modernizing Medicare for future generations, asking, “How can we prepare and how can we give them the tools that they’re going to expect – they’re going to expect more of an Amazon experience,” adding, “Our focus is going to be on both modernizing the Medicare and the Medicaid program.”

**TIMBERLAWN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL CLOSING BEFORE STATE CAN SHUT IT DOWN.** The [Dallas Morning News](#) (1/18, Ambrose, 1.06M) reports the Timberlawn psychiatric hospital “says it is voluntarily closing its doors, just a week after state officials threatened to shut down the century-old treatment center because it was too dangerous for patients.” The Morning News reports “it’s unclear exactly when the last patient will leave Timberlawn.” CEO James Miller “told federal health officials that the hospital will close on Feb. 1, or as soon after that as possible, said Bob Moos, a Dallas spokesman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.”



**FORMER CMS OFFICIAL CRITICIZES MOVE TO ALLOW STATES TO IMPOSE MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS.** Vikki Wachino, former deputy administrator and director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at CMS, writes in an op-ed for [The Hill](#) (1/18, 1.99M) that last week, the Trump Administration kept its vow “to reverse longstanding Medicaid policy” when CMS Administrator Seema Verma announced that the agency would allow states to impose Medicaid work requirements. Wachino argues, “This policy turns Medicaid’s long standing role in supporting employment of low-income people on its head.” She adds that this means “Medicaid is no longer a helping hand extended to people who seek financial independence. It is the rug that gets pulled out from beneath the feet of the person who may be getting ready to look for a job.”

**ONC TO RELEASE PROPOSED INTEROPERABILITY RULE IN APRIL.** [Modern Healthcare](#) (1/18, Arndt, Subscription Publication, 233K) reports the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology “will release a proposed rule about interoperability and certification in April.” The proposed rule “would update the HITECH Act and meet some provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act,” including “details about certification for health IT developers, according to ONC’s director of policy, Elise Sweeney Anthony” at the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee’s first meeting Thursday. ONC members “also laid out plans for boosting interoperability” and achieving some 21st Century Cures Act goals, the article says.

**MASSACHUSETTS’ CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SEEKING MORE MENTAL HEALTH OPTIONS FOR PUERTO RICANS.** The [AP](#) (1/19) reports Massachusetts’ Democratic congressional delegation “is pressing federal officials on efforts to address mental health challenges in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands following Hurricanes Irma and Maria.” The 11 members co-signed a letter Friday to Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Elinore McCance-Katz to explain that hurricanes “can trigger emotional distress” and that there is just one suicide prevention hotline in Puerto Rico. The letter asks “what services the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provided after the disasters and what additional federal resources are needed in both regions.”

## **Health Reform:**

**WPOST EDITORIAL BLAMES TRUMP, ADMINISTRATION FOR THREE MILLION MORE UNINSURED CONSUMERS.** [The Hill](#) (1/18, Manchester, 1.99M) reports that a Washington Post editorial published on Thursday “ripped into President Trump...blaming him for 3 million more people losing health insurance during his time in office.” The paper “points to the ‘hostile steps’ taken by the administration and Republicans to dismantle ObamaCare, including the president’s ‘negative rhetoric and rules changes,’ that could have prevented Americans from enrolling, the shortening of the ObamaCare enrollment period and the repeal of the individual mandate.”

**ALEXANDER CALLING FOR PASSAGE OF ACA STABILIZATION MEASURES.** [Fierce Healthcare](#) (1/18, Small, 146K) reports Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) “is looking ahead to a potential long-term spending bill – which he hopes will include bipartisan measures to stabilize the Affordable Care Act exchanges.” The article says Alexander “has been pushing his fellow Congress members for months to pass a bill that he crafted alongside Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., which would fund cost-sharing reduction payments for two years and take other steps to

shore up the exchanges.”

**ENROLLMENT ON NEW YORK’S ACA ONLINE MARKET OUTPACES 2017.** The Albany (NY) Times Union (1/18, Hughes, 550K) reports that enrollment through NY State of Health, New York’s online health insurance market, “continues to outpace” last year’s totals as the deadline approaches on January 31. State officials said Thursday that about 243,600 New Yorkers have enrolled through the online market so far, which tops the totals from the 2017 season.

**BLUE CROSS OF NEBRASKA’S NEW CEO SAYS HE’S UNSURE IF THEY WILL RESUME SELLING PLANS UNDER ACA.** The Omaha (NE) World-Herald (1/18, Jordon, 526K) reports that Steven Grandfield, the incoming CEO of the state’s largest health insurer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, “said he’s not sure if Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska will resume offering plans under the Affordable Care Act” after stopping last year. He said, “We can’t make promises because we don’t know what the rules are going to be.”

**COMMENTARY CONSIDERS HEALTH REFORM.** Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

Trish Florence, a community organizer with TX21 Indivisible, writes in a Vox (1/18, 1.59M) piece that last week, the Trump Administration announced it would allow states to impose work requirements. Florence, whose two sons have autism, says she is “terrified” by this policy change. She adds that while Texas has not submitted a waiver request to add such requirements, she is “scared it eventually will, given the state’s conservative bent.”

Sally Pipes, president, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute, writes in an op-ed for the Washington Examiner (1/18, 442K) that recently, the Department of Labor proposed a new rule which would allow small businesses and self-employed people to form association health plans, thus providing them with the ability “to sidestep some of Obamacare’s premium-inflating coverage regulations.” Pipes argues that the ACA “has forced many small businesses and sole proprietors to purchase prohibitively expensive, excessively comprehensive health insurance. The AHP rule would give these folks a more affordable option.”

Tom Rogan writes in an op-ed for the Washington Examiner (1/18, 442K) that according to a new study released by the Foundation for Government Accountability, the ACA’s “Medicaid expansion has led to twice as many able-bodied enrollees as originally projected.” Data show “12.7 million able-bodied Americans are now reliant on government provided healthcare.” Rogan argues that the US has two options: “we can recognize that Medicaid should be for the poorest and most needy and pursue reforms to ensure it operates for those individuals,” or “we can prepare for a future of persistent tax increases and socialized government.”

Drew White, Senior Federal Policy Analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, writes in the Washington Examiner (1/19, 442K) that Republicans’ statements indicating that they are “turning



away from Obamacare repeal is both bad policy and political folly." White calls the repeal of the individual mandate as a "solid win for the rule of law," but one which he says "will have minimal impact in driving down premiums and deductibles."

## **Opioid News:**

**GOVERNORS CALL ON TRUMP, CONGRESS TO ADDRESS OPIOID CRISIS.** The [AP](#) (1/18, Mulvihill) reports that governors are calling on the Trump Administration and Congress to provide more money and coordination for fighting the opioid crisis. "The list of more than two dozen recommendations made Thursday by the National Governors Association is the first coordinated, bipartisan response from the nation's governors" since President Trump's October declaration. The governors praised him for pledging to support "states' efforts to pay for drug treatment through Medicaid," but they "also called for more action," the AP reports. A spokesman for the White House Office on National Drug Control Policy said the Administration is committed to addressing the recommendations.

**TRUMP AGAIN TARGETS ONDCP, PROPOSING 95 PERCENT BUDGET CUT.** [Politico](#) (1/18, Karlin-Smith, Ehley, 3.22M) reports President Trump is planning a second attempt "to slash the budget of the Office of National Drug Control Policy." Multiple sources say the plan "would shift the office's two main grant programs, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas grant and the Drug Free Communities Act, to the Justice and Health and Human Services departments, respectively," resulting in a "reduction of about \$340 million, or 95 percent of the ONDCP's budget," Politico reports. Lawmakers "are expected to push back against the second attempt to alter the office," while "critics question the wisdom of dramatically restructuring federal programs they say are working well," the article says.

**PHILADELPHIA SUES OPIOID MAKERS.** The [Daily Caller](#) (1/18, Birr, 696K) reports, in continuing coverage, that Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney announced the lawsuit against pharmaceutical manufacturers Wednesday. The suit accuses "a number of drug makers including Teva Pharmaceuticals, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Endo Pharmaceuticals, and Purdue Pharma, of knowingly downplaying the addiction risks of their painkillers in order to boost sales and maximize profits." The article notes that "fatal drug overdoses are estimated to have topped 1,200 last year," giving Philadelphia "the highest rate of opioid deaths of any U.S. city, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

**OPIOID EPIDEMIC CAUSING RISE IN COCAINE OVERDOSE DEATHS IN OHIO, NATIONWIDE.** The [Daily Caller](#) (1/18, Birr, 696K) reports, "The national opioid crisis is causing a significant uptick in cocaine overdose deaths in Ohio due to the increasing prevalence of the deadly synthetic painkiller fentanyl." The article says "fentanyl-laced cocaine killed 88 people in Franklin County in 2017, up from 41 deaths in the previous year," while officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "predict that cocaine overdose deaths are about to explode in 2017 to nearly 11,000" nationwide. The piece notes that the National Institute on Drug Abuse "says the opioid epidemic will continue to deteriorate, predicting drug deaths will exceed 71,000 in 2017."



**MAINE SEES FEWER OPIOID PRESCRIPTION CLAIMS UNDER LAW, REPORT SAYS.** The [AP](#) (1/18, Villeneuve) reports that the Maine Bureau of Insurance released a report this month that “shows doctors in Maine are writing fewer opioid painkiller prescriptions” after a law capped daily dosages and required electronic prescriptions. Opioid prescription claims “dropped by nearly 20 percent, with about 27,700 fewer claims between the first half of 2016 and the same period in 2017,” the AP reports. The AP points out that the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “says opioid painkiller prescriptions have dropped overall nationally in recent years after surging since the late ‘90s and peaking in 2010.”

**OPINION EXPLAINS A GRASSROOTS APPROACH TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC.** Hamad Husainy, DO, an emergency room physician and a board member of the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, writes in [STAT](#) (1/19, 56K) about his experience creating the “ER is for Emergencies” program in Washington state as an effort to fight opioid abuse perpetuated by over-prescribing from multiple providers. Dr. Husainy says that the key pieces of the successful program were: one, “a system that allowed us to share information with all other hospitals in the state,” and, two, “a shared commitment to teamwork and a common goal.” Dr. Husainy concludes, “While no solution can guarantee high-needs patients won’t fall through the cracks, programs like ER is for Emergencies can help us catch many more of them before they’re triaged in the wrong direction.”

## **Healthcare News:**

**ABORTION OPPONENTS, ABORTION RIGHTS SUPPORTERS TO HOLD EVENTS TODAY NEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE.** The [AP](#) (1/18, Crary) reports abortion opponents will hold the March for Life in Washington today, and President Donald Trump is expected to be “the first sitting president to address the gathering, speaking live from the White House Rose Garden.” Meanwhile, abortion rights supporters are planning to hold a counter-protest at the Supreme Court. The article points out that Monday will be the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision in the case Roe v. Wade.

[USA Today](#) (1/18, Korte, 8.23M) reports that on Jan. 18, while speaking with anti-abortion activists, Vice President Pence “called Trump ‘the most pro-life president in American history,’” boasting “of a litany of anti-abortion measures by the Trump administration over its first year,” such as “banning federal funds for global health groups that promote abortion under the ‘Mexico City policy,’ defunding the United Nations Population Fund, and overturning an Obama administration rule that required states to provide funding for Planned Parenthood.”

In an analysis piece, the [Washington Post](#) (1/18, Cunningham, 11.19M) “The Health 202” blog reports that during the March for Life, abortion opponents will be “showcasing the momentum they’ve gained under President Trump.” The article suggests that most of the gains they have made have been the result of President Trump’s appointments. For instance, the Department of Health and Human Services recently announced “the creation of a new conscience and religious freedom division, housed within the agency’s civil rights office, which will be charged with ensuring health-care workers are allowed to opt out of any procedure to which they have a moral

or religious objection such as abortion or gender transition.” The [Washington Times](#) (1/18, Howell, 505K) also covers aspects of the story.

**PRESIDENT TRUMP NOW AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE ANTI-ABORTION MOVEMENT.**

The [AP](#) (1/19, Kellman) reports that despite President Trump having described himself as “pro-choice” in the past, he is “stepping to the forefront of his administration’s efforts to roll back abortion rights,” and recording a series of “key victories” for anti-abortion activists. Activists point to the confirmation of conservative Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, expanding a ban on US to overseas groups that provide abortion counseling, as well as the creation of HHS’ new office charged with protecting religious rights of medical providers as hallmarks of the President’s efforts.

**TWO REPUBLICANS ASK GAO TO INVESTIGATE “ABORTION BONDS.”** The [Washington Times](#) (1/18, Dinan, 505K) reports Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) and Rep. Robert Pittenger (R-NC) wrote a letter to the Government Accountability Office requesting an investigation of the use of tax-exempt government bonds to fund abortion providers. In their letter, Lankford and Pittenger say that they have discovered at least four instances of “abortion bonds,” and that the practice appears to be a loophole to a federal law that restricts government funding for elective abortions.

**LIKELIHOOD OF LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE QUADRUPLES FOR WOMEN WHO ARE DENIED ABORTIONS, STUDY SUGGESTS.** [Reuters](#) (1/18) reports a [study](#) published in the American Journal of Public Health indicates that women who seek abortions, but are denied them, have nearly four times the odds of living below the federal poverty line. Researchers reached this conclusion after interviewing “813 women at 30 clinics in 21 states” over the course of five years, finding the likelihood of living in poverty increased among women seeking abortions after the clinic’s time limit had elapsed.

**WALGREENS, UNITEDHEALTH COLLABORATE TO OPEN URGENT CARE CENTERS.** The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (1/18, Snowbeck, 1.17M) reports that as part of a collaboration with Walgreens, UnitedHealth Group will open four urgent care clinics in Las Vegas, Nevada. The article reports that “the new MedExpress clinics will be co-located with Walgreens stores in Las Vegas,” mentioning that “MedExpress and Walgreens already have co-located businesses in 11 locations, including three in the Twin Cities.”

## **Human Services News:**

**WISCONSIN GOVERNOR LEADING EFFORT TO OVERHAUL WELFARE PROGRAMS.** The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (1/18, Stein, 597K) reports Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) “is pushing for a series of welfare bills, including requiring able-bodied parents of children on food stamps to work or get training to receive more than three months of benefits and increasing the existing work requirement for all able-bodied adults from 20 hours a week to 30.” According to the article, “Republicans say these proposals would make individuals more self-sufficient and help employers find workers at a time when the state unemployment rate is at 3%.”



## **Food & Import Safety:**

### **PANERA ASKING FDA TO DEFINE THE TERM “EGG” TO BETTER INFORM CUSTOMERS.**

CNBC (1/19, Whitten, 3.1M) reports “Panera is petitioning the FDA to define the term ‘egg’ to better inform consumers about what they are getting when they order ‘egg’ from a restaurant,” considering the fact that currently “there is no clear definition.” Panera CEO Blaine Hurst said, “The mission is not to call people out or claim that we are holier than thou...We want to start a conversation about transparency.”

Fortune (1/19, Kowitt, 1.31M) also reports.

## **Medicare:**

**CMS PUTS HOLD ON THERAPY CLAIMS AMID UNCERTAINTY.** Congressional Quarterly (1/18, Williams, Subscription Publication) reports that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has stopped “processing certain claims for physical, speech and occupational therapy treatments” because Congress “has yet to extend certain Medicare programs that expired at the end of last year with no resolution in sight.” By not processing the claims, CMS is keeping “patients from having to pay out of their pockets for services once they hit an annual cap.” The piece adds that renewal of the “Medicare extenders” which would renew the exception to the therapy caps is not included in the latest continuing resolution under debate in Congress.

**MUTUAL OF OMAHA ANNOUNCES INTENT TO SELL MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS IN 2019.** The Omaha (NE) World-Herald (1/18, Jordon, 526K) reports that Mutual of Omaha plans to begin selling Medicare Advantage health plans in 2019 for the first time, in cooperation with Lumeris, Inc., a “St. Louis company that will arrange health provider networks and manage the plans.”

## **Medicaid & CHIP:**

**ADMINISTRATION’S MOVE TO ALLOW MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS MAY CAUSE MANY ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES TO LOSE COVERAGE.** Margot Sanger-Katz writes in the New York Times (1/18, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) “The Upshot” blog that the Trump Administration’s decision to allow states to impose Medicaid work requirements “has inspired concern that the program will leave behind Medicaid beneficiaries who are unable to find or keep work.” She adds that “a lot of research about the Medicaid program, specifically...shows that sign-ups fall when states make their program more complicated.”



**KENTUCKY'S MOVE TO IMPOSE MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS CONSIDERED AN ABOUT-FACE.** Bloomberg News (1/18, Tozzi, Tracer, 3.31M) reports that Kentucky is preparing "to become the first state to impose a work rule for Medicaid," and this worries some recipients who may not be able to prove they are working. The article says although "the federal government covers the vast majority of Kentucky's Medicaid bill, the state still expects to save \$2.4 billion over five years by lowering enrollment by 95,000 people." The piece adds that this "move is a U-turn in the state's health-care policy," because not long ago, "Kentucky was seen as a model for its health insurance expansion."

**ARIZONA LAWMAKERS TAKING STEPS TO REVERSE KIDSCARE FREEZE.** The Arizona Republic (1/18, Pitzl, 1.03M) reports that Arizona "lawmakers are working to reverse a decision that would freeze enrollment in KidsCare," which covers almost 25,000 children in the state. The article says "House Bill 2127 would ensure that if Congress were to cut funding for" CHIP, "Arizona lawmakers would be able to decide if they want to make up the difference."

**WEST VIRGINIA'S MEDICAID SAVINGS TO BE APPLIED TO OTHER PROGRAMS.** The AP (1/18) reports West Virginia Health and Human Resources Secretary Bill Crouch said that "\$160 million in savings from the Medicaid program will be applied to other programs." Crouch explained that program changes made Medicaid more efficient in providing coverage, resulting in the savings. The article adds that "unused state money will be redirected to other areas in the department including child protective services and cost increases at state hospitals and economic development."

**MONTANA HAS 91,563 ENROLLED IN MEDICAID EXPANSION, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TOLD.** The Great Falls (MT) Tribune (1/18, Drake, 123K) reports that members of the Montana Legislature's Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee heard from officials on the status of the state's Medicaid expansion program, HELP, which revealed that 91,563 people are participating in the program as of January 15. The program has provided \$802 million in healthcare services and has saved "\$40 million in Medicaid benefits." The state's Medicaid expansion program is set to "sunset" in 2019.

**RHODE ISLAND GOV. PROPOSES \$166 MILLION IN MEDICAID CUTS TO BALANCE BUDGET.** The Providence (RI) Journal (1/18, Bogdan, 259K) reports Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo (D) "proposed balancing next year's \$9.38-billion budget with nearly \$166 million in cuts to Medicaid." The changes will not affect "eligibility or benefits, officials said," but will include imposing co-pays for the first time – which are estimated to save \$3.2 million. The proposal also includes incentives for managed care companies to "provide more efficient patient care," not increasing hospital reimbursement rates, and will "rebalance" long-term care and nursing home services."

### **Health & Medical News:**

**FLU SPREADING NATIONWIDE AS MORE CHILDREN SUCCUMB TO VIRUS.** ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 8, 1:25, Muir, 14.63M) reported on the mysterious “death of a 12-year-old boy” whose mother said he exhibited flu symptoms although health authorities still are “not sure...what it was.” Correspondent Gio Benitez explained, “12-year-old Michael Messenger had flu-like symptoms last week,” and visited an urgent care center the next day; but by “Thursday, he was dead.” Benitez explained that the boy received testing, adding that physicians “warn the five-minute test doesn’t always give a complete picture,” while the CDC “says the test can actually miss the flu up to half of the time.”

The CBS Evening News (1/18, story 4, 2:10, Glor, 11.17M) reported that as the flu spreads nationwide, Missouri has been “especially hard hit,” with “more than 40,000 cases so far this season...compared to just over 6,000 this time last year.” The Evening News said that at St. Louis Children’s Hospital, “they take no chances with visitors”: Visitors are “outfitted with an isolation gown, protective gloves, and a mask” due to concerns about pediatric patients.

NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 4, 1:55, Guthrie, 16.61M) correspondent Kristen Dahlgren reported new data indicate “more than 12 million people may now have the flu, the most cases around St. Louis.” She added, “According to the CDC, 78 percent of samples tested this year have been the most aggressive of the four known flu strains, H3-N2.” Dahlgren explained that the “National Institutes of Health has designated a so-called super-vaccine a top priority.”

**FLU SEASON “MODERATELY SEVERE” BUT NOT ABNORMAL.** The New York Times (1/18, McNeil, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports a list of common questions about the flu and offers answers, saying the current flu season is “moderately severe,” striking “every state except Hawaii” with widespread activity. The most active strain this season, H3N2, “is the most dangerous of the four seasonal flu strains;” however, “the number of people hospitalized or dying from flu nationwide is not unusually high,” but rather parallels “the 2014-2015 season, which was dominated by the same H3N2 flu strain and was also ‘moderately severe.’” The Times says some parts of the US, “hospitals have seen so many flu patients that they had to set up triage tents or turn other patients away,” but overall the US has managed to avoid “regional shortages of antiviral medications, patients dying because a city ran out of respirators, or other signs of a major crisis.”

**NEW YORK STRICKEN BY “DRASTIC” UPTICK IN FLU CASES.** The AP (1/18) reports New York has seen a “drastic rise in flu cases,” hospitalizing more than 1,600 residents “in the past week alone, state health officials said Thursday.” The state Department of Health said flu cases rose by 54 percent this past week. The AP adds that the “1,606 New Yorkers hospitalized in the past week with lab-confirmed flu is the highest weekly number since the health agency reporting began in 2004, officials said.”

The AP (1/18) reports separately that Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) is urging “all New Yorkers six months of age and older over who haven’t received a flu shot yet should get vaccinated as soon as possible.”



**OKLAHOMA COUNTS 45 DEAD THIS FLU SEASON.** The AP (1/18) reports Oklahoma health officials have recorded 45 flu deaths this season, with nearly 1,400 people being hospitalized due to the virus. The state Department of Health “said Thursday all of the deaths and more than half of those hospitalized for flu since Sept. 1 are age 50 and over.” Tulsa County, where 10 have died, has recorded “more than any other county.” The US “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the flu is widespread in every state except Hawaii.”

**OP-ED: PREGNANT WOMEN WHO DO NOT GET FLU VACCINE ENDANGER CHILD’S, THEIR OWN HEALTH.** Mark N. Simon, MD, chief medical officer of Ob Hospitalist Group, writes in an op-ed in STAT (1/18, 56K) that even as the flu season remains widespread throughout the US, the CDC reported “in December that only about one-third of pregnant women are getting flu shots” – a “startling and alarming” revelation. Dr. Simon explains that “64 percent of pregnant women had not been vaccinated against the flu, despite recommendations from the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,” the report found. He argues that going unvaccinated while pregnant compromises the health of both the mother and the child.

**FLU MAY BE SPREAD BY BREATHING, STUDY SUGGESTS.** The San Jose (CA) Mercury News (1/18, Seipel, 940K) reports a recent study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences indicates the flu may be passed “just by breathing.” Researchers followed 178 students “who were within the first three days of the flu’s onset” and found “that a significant number of flu patients routinely shed infectious virus, not merely detectable ribonucleic acid, or RNA, into aerosol particles small enough to present a risk for airborne transmission.”

**OHIO COUNTY RECORDS THREE MORE FLU DEATHS.** The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/18, Washington, 750K) reports Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has counted three more flu-related deaths, “bringing to five the total number of flu-related deaths this season.” The county “Public Health Collaborative reported the totals Thursday in its influenza report for the week of Jan. 7-13,” finding flu activity decrease to “moderate low” throughout the week after reaching “high” and “very high” in December. The state has recorded “1,750 flu-related hospitalizations” this season.

**NEW JERSEY MAY POST WORST FLU SEASON IN RECENT YEARS, DATA INDICATE.** The Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger (1/18, 1.51M) reports New Jersey is seeing the number of flu cases rise “at a faster pace than the past two seasons,” with “1,166 confirmed cases in the past week, as compared to 697 for the same period last season and 24 for 2015-16.” The state has confirmed 3,189 cases of the flu this season. Officials say the flu this season is particularly virulent because of the “dreaded H3N2 virus” in circulation, which “is typically associated with more severe illness than other strains.”

**KENTUCKY SEES AT LEAST 50 FLU DEATHS THIS SEASON.** The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/18, Novelly, 346K) reports at least 50 people have died due to the flu in Kentucky, according to the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Officials believe that two of the deaths were children, which “Acting Department for Public Health Commissioner Dr. Jeffrey D. Howard called...a tragedy.” Data last week showed 36 flu-related deaths, while data through the first week of January showed the number of flu cases reached 2,109, compared to 92 cases over



the same period last year.

**MUTATED FLU VIRUS MAY HOLD KEY TO IMPROVING VACCINE, STUDY SUGGESTS.**

CNN (1/18, Howard, 31.91M) reports on its website that a study published in the journal Science on Thursday indicated “a mutant influenza A virus” researchers used to develop a vaccine “gave the immune systems of mice and ferrets a significant boost.” Researchers said they “expect it to be effective in humans, but there are possibilities for potentially unexpected outcomes,” adding that it may take “several years” for the vaccine, possibly used as a nasal spray, to begin the FDA approval process. The piece adds that the only “approved nasal seasonal flu vaccine...is not currently recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention because it’s less effective than an injected vaccine.” CNN also says the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases influenza research program has dedicated investigations to the development of a universal flu vaccine.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA HOSPITALS WORKING OVERTIME TO MANAGE FLU**

**DEMAND.** The San Francisco Chronicle (1/19, Ho, 4.42M) reports many San Francisco Bay Area healthcare workers attending to flu patients have had to work overtime to address the significant demand for care this season. Throughout the area, “hospitals and medical clinics are calling on additional physicians, nurses and medical staff to work extra shifts – some to take the place of workers who have fallen ill themselves – postponing the addition of elective surgeries to make room for flu patients, and imposing temporary restrictions on visitors to help prevent the spread of influenza to patients already in the hospital.”

**REPEATED HITS TO THE HEAD, EVEN WITHOUT CONCUSSIONS, MAY CAUSE CTE,**

**STUDY SUGGESTS.** The Washington Post (1/18, Boren, 11.19M) reports researchers “found further evidence linking hits to the head rather than concussions to the onset of chronic traumatic encephalopathy [CTE], the neurodegenerative disease traced back to the kind of head trauma experienced by football players, other athletes and combat veterans.” The findings were published online Jan. 18 in the journal Brain. The National Institutes of Health and the US Department of Veterans Affairs helped fund the study.

CNN (1/18, Kounang, 31.91M) reports on its website that the researchers studied the brains of four teenagers who “died within a day to four months of receiving some sort of sport-related head injury and had a history of playing football,” and compared the results to those found in mice models. Dr. Lee Goldstein, one of the study’s authors, said, “Now we have both the scientific proof, the pathologies to support it, and all the evidence to show that concussion is not linked to long-term neurological disease.”

The Boston Globe (1/18, Freyer, 1.02M) reports the results of the study show that “CTE starts faster and earlier than previously recognized, as jolts to the head trigger abnormalities even in teenagers.” Goldstein said, “We see it early, we see it persist, and we see it progress. It’s very alarming. Once you get this thing started, you don’t have to have additional injuries to keep it going.”

Also covering the story are the Los Angeles Times (1/18, Healy, 5.51M) "Science Now" blog, the NPR (1/18, Goldman, 2.49M) "Shots" blog and "All Things Considered" program, TIME (1/18, Gregory, 5.5M), Newsweek (1/18, Dovey, 1.5M), and the New York Daily News (1/18, Red, 3.34M).

**ARKANSAS HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY TRAVELER EXPOSED 150 PEOPLE TO MEASLES.**

The AP (1/18) reports, "The Arkansas Department of Health says about 150 people were exposed to measles after an ill traveler flew from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport to Little Rock." State health officials say the passenger flew on United Airlines Flight 5314 from Chicago to Little Rock on Jan. 10, and that people at the University of Arkansas at Medical Science's emergency department were also exposed.

**TRICLOSAN MAY BE ABLE TO FIGHT DRUG-RESISTANT MALARIA, STUDY SUGGESTS.**

Reuters (1/18, Kelland) reports researchers found that triclosan, "a common ingredient of toothpaste," may be able "to fight drug-resistant strains of malaria." The findings were published in Scientific Reports.

**DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY CLOSES MAIN CAMPUS FOLLOWING SUSPECTED NOROVIRUS OUTBREAK.**

The AP (1/18) reports Davenport University has closed its main campus in Grand Rapids, MI until Monday following a suspected outbreak of norovirus. The article reports that around 100 students may have contracted norovirus.

**FOUR HEALTH SYSTEMS TO LAUNCH NON-PROFIT GENERIC DRUGMAKER.**

Reuters (1/18, Erman) reports Intermountain Healthcare announced that it is working with Ascension, SSM Health, and Trinity Health to establish a non-profit generic drug manufacturer "aimed at combating shortages and high costs of some generic drugs." The four health systems are also consulting with the US Department of Veterans Affairs on the project.

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Evans, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports the health systems said they would prioritize the production of generic drugs that lack competition in the market, but they did not specify any drugs.

The AP (1/18, Johnson) reports the new company "will be guided by an advisory board of high-profile experts from government, the pharmaceutical industry and Harvard Business School."

STAT (1/18, Silverman, 56K) quotes Dr. Marc Harrison, the CEO of Intermountain Healthcare, who said, "It's an ambitious plan, but healthcare systems are in the best position to fix the problems in the generic drug market."



Modern Healthcare (1/18, Teichert, Subscription Publication, 233K) reports the health systems, which together have hundreds of hospitals, “are working...to create an initiative to manufacture essential generic drugs either directly or via subcontracts.” Also covering story are the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (1/18, Liss, 822K), CNBC (1/18, Mangan, 3.1M), and the St. Louis Business Journal (1/18, Mueller, Subscription Publication, 588K).

**OP-ED: EXPERTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RAISE QUESTIONS OF PRESIDENT'S MENTAL FITNESS.** Bandy X. Lee, assistant clinical professor in law and psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine, and Norman Eisen, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, write in USA Today (1/19, 8.23M) about questioning President Trump's mental fitness for the office. They write, “As a forensic psychiatrist and a government ethicist, we believe those questions of public health concern should be asked publicly.” They argue that the book, “The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump,” in fact “went no further than the limits of the American Psychiatric Association's so-called Goldwater rule,” and opine that the rule has since become, in effect, a “gag rule on APA members.”

**BIOCON SIGNS DEAL WITH SANDOZ TO MAKE BIOSIMILARS.** Bloomberg News (1/18, Altstedter, 3.31M) reports Biocon Ltd. “signed a deal to develop copycat versions of biologic drugs with” Novartis AG's Sandoz. Under the deal, Biocon, which is based in Bengaluru, India, “will focus on developing copies, or biosimilars, of biologic drugs in immunology and oncology.”

**PTC THERAPEUTICS RAISES PRICE OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TREATMENT DEFLAZACORT.** The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Walker, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports PTC Therapeutics raised the list price of muscular dystrophy treatment Emflaza (deflazacort) by around 9% to over \$65,000 per year for a regular dosage. The article points out that the price of Emflaza is controversial, and that US patients previously paid \$1,200 or less per year to import it from Europe, before the Food and Drug Administration approved it as a treatment for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

**TENNESSEE STATE LEGISLATORS INTRODUCE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL.** The Tennessean (1/18, Ebert, 380K) reports Tennessee state Rep. Jeremy Faison (R) and state Sen. Steve Dickerson (R) introduced a bill to legalize some forms of medical marijuana for people with certain medical conditions in the state. The bill “would only allow oil-based manufactured products, such as pills or lotions, and would not permit the sale of raw cannabis, also known as marijuana, as is common in other states.”

**OPINION: BLOOMBERG AND SUMMERS LEAD EFFORT TO USE FISCAL POLICY TO IMPROVE GLOBAL HEALTH.** In an opinion piece for the Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M), Lawrence Summers, former Treasury Secretary and former economic adviser to President Obama, wrote that he and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg “announced the Task Force on Fiscal Policy for Health” to bring together “fiscal-policy, development and health leaders” to “address the enormous and growing health and economic burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in lower- and middle-income countries (LMICs).” Summers notes that tobacco use “contributes to 7 million deaths annually.” He concludes, “Taxing ‘bads’ like tobacco and sugar over ‘goods’ like savings and income is as close to a free lunch as you can get in economics. This is low-hanging fruit that makes people's lives better and makes the world a



better place.”

In an opinion piece for the New York Times (1/18, Subscription Publication, 15.39M), op-ed columnist David Leonhardt writes that tobacco taxes “have been hugely successful in reducing smoking and improving public health,” but are “still not high enough.” Bloomberg and Summers’ group “will eventually make recommendations on both the politics and policy of health taxes.” According to Leonhardt, “It’s also clear that these taxes work: They reduce consumption, which means they don’t overburden the budgets of poor families.”

#### **CONCERN OVER CLIMATE CHANGE LINKED TO DEPRESSION, STUDY SUGGESTS.**

Reuters (1/18, Malo) reports a study published in the journal *Global Environmental Change* has found “depression and anxiety afflict Americans who are concerned with the fate of the environment.” According to the study, “most hard-hit are women and people with low incomes who worry about the planet’s long-term health. ... Symptoms include restless nights, feelings of loneliness and lethargy.” Lead author of the study and University of Arizona professor Sabrina Helm said, “Climate change is a persistent global stressor.”

**JUDGE ORDERS OLYMPUS TO FACE NEW TRIAL OVER MEDICAL SCOPES LINKED TO SUPERBUG DEATHS.** Kaiser Health News (1/18, Terhune, News) reports Seattle’s King County Superior Court Judge Steve Rosen on Tuesday ordered a new trial in a wrongful death case against Japanese company Olympus Corp., saying the company, in the article’s words, “failed to properly disclose internal emails that raised safety concerns about a redesigned medical scope as early as 2008, several years before the device was publicly tied to deadly superbug outbreaks.” Rosen charged the company with neglecting to translate from Japanese the emails it shared with plaintiffs, as required, which the piece says suggests “the company was aware of a potential design problem at least four years earlier than had been disclosed.”

**INCREASING NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH COMMERCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE ARE GETTING RECOMMENDED VACCINES, REPORT FINDS.** Forbes (1/18, 4.82M) contributor Bruce Japsen writes, “An increasing number of children with commercial health insurance are getting their recommended vaccines while a small but growing number of parents are also refusing vaccinations for their kids, a new report from” the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association shows. Even though “childhood vaccination rates rose 12% among Blue Cross health plan members from 2010 to 2016,” the report revealed, the increasing number of vaccine referrals on the part of parents “is a sign that more education needs to be conducted in communities across the country about vaccine safety, doctors say.”

The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (1/18, Sausser, 320K) reports that 77.8 percent “of South Carolina children insured by BlueCross BlueShield received their recommended vaccines for measles, mumps, hepatitis B and other infectious diseases between 2010 and 2016,” the report showed. Across the US as a whole, that figure is just 73.5 percent.

The Philadelphia (PA) Inquirer (1/18, Giordano, 1M) reports that “85.4 percent of all Philadelphia-area children whose Blue Cross-Blue Shield claims were reviewed for the six-year

study had received the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended seven-vaccine series."

**OVERALL GENERAL FERTILITY RATE HAS DECREASED IN 2016, BUT INCREASED IN WOMEN 30 AND OLDER, RESEARCH SUGGESTS.** In "The Upshot," the New York Times (1/18, Miller, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports on "a new analysis of census data by Pew Research Center" finding that even though "the overall general fertility rate decreased in 2016, it increased for women 30 and older," researchers found. For example, "86 percent of women ages 40 to 44...are mothers, up from 80 percent in 2006, reversing decades of declines." Other groups showing increases are women "with advanced degrees and those who never marry," the analysis revealed. Overall, "the median age at which women first give birth has risen to 26, and women are significantly less likely than they were two decades ago to give birth as teenagers or in their early 20s," the study found.

**SEVERAL FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE FACTORS MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASED RISK FOR HEART DISEASE, STROKE, STUDY INDICATES.** The New York Times (1/18, Bakalar, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports, "Several female reproductive factors, including early menarche, early menopause and miscarriage, are associated with an increased risk for heart disease and stroke," UK researchers found after collecting and examining "data on 267,440 women 40 to 69 years old" who were followed "for an average of seven years." The findings were published in the journal *Heart*,

**PHYSICIANS EACH GENERATED MORE THAN \$2M IN ACTIVITY FOR MARYLAND'S ECONOMY ON AVERAGE, STUDY FINDS.** The Baltimore Sun (1/18, Cohn, 691K) reports that currently, "there are 17,633 active patient care physicians in Maryland supporting more than 213,000 jobs and generating \$3.95 billion in economic output for the state's economy, according to a study released by MedChi, Maryland's medical society, and the American Medical Association." Physicians "each generated more than \$2 million in activity for the state's economy on average, including more than \$1.1 million in workers' wages and benefits on average," the study found.

**BISHOP INTRODUCES MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH BILL.** The Deseret (UT) News (1/18, Romboy, 454K) reports that Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) introduced Thursday "a House version of bipartisan legislation to make it easier for researchers to study medicinal uses for marijuana." The article says the bill "would make marijuana more available for legitimate research and streamline the onerous research registration process," would require the National Institute on Drug Abuse "to develop recommendations for good manufacturing practices for growing marijuana for research," and will "allow for the commercial production of drugs developed from marijuana once the Food and Drug Administration approves them."

**DENTISTS MAY BEGIN TO ADDRESS STDs AS THROAT CANCERS CONTINUE TO RISE.** Newsweek (1/19, Matthews, 1.5M) reports that dentists may begin discussing sex education or offering STD tests as rates of human papillomavirus (HPV) continue to increase, and with them, the risks of throat cancers. In a 2016 analysis of insurance claims, cases of oral cancer increased 61 percent between 2011 and 2015, and traditional "risk factors include smoking and alcohol, but over the past 15 years, new strains of oral cancer have become more common, thanks to HPV."



Some dentists believe that every dentist should be “screening patients” for oral cancer and HPV.

**EXPERTS REACH DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS ON WHETHER EXERCISE HELPS THE BRAIN.** STAT (1/19, Begley, 56K) reports that researchers disagree on the effect that exercise can have for patients with mild cognitive impairment, even as the American Academy for Neurology recommended for the first time that neurologists tell their patients to regularly exercise. Nine days before that recommendation, however, a study for the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine “concluded that empirical support is woefully ‘insufficient’ for claims that exercise can prevent MCI or dementia.” The National Institute on Aging requested that study.

## **Global Health:**

**BRITISH COURT ALLOWS TERMINALLY ILL MAN TO CHALLENGE COUNTRY’S LAW ON ASSISTED DEATH.** The AP (1/18) reports a British court ruled that a terminally ill man can “challenge the country’s law on assisted dying, after an earlier decision that rejected his case.” The article reports that last October, the High Court rejected his request for a declaration that the country’s ban on assisted suicide violates the European Convention on Human Rights.

**ZAMBIA STRUGGLING TO CONTAIN CHOLERA OUTBREAK.** The AP (1/18, Torchia) reports Zambia is struggling to contain a deadly cholera outbreak, which has killed more than 70 people since October, mostly in the capital Lusaka. The World Health Organization is helping to carry out a vaccination program in Lusaka, and the US has sent six experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the country to help local health officials.

**GERMAN SUBSIDIARY OF CANADIAN COMPANY WINS CONTRACT TO SELL MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN ITALY.** Reuters (1/18, Shakir) reports Pedanios, a German subsidiary of Canada’s second largest producer of marijuana Aurora Cannabis Inc., “won a contract to supply medical marijuana to the Italian market.” Under the contract, Aurora “will export medical cannabis into Germany through Pedanios, which will supply the Italian market through the Italian Ministry of Defence.”

**AUSTRALIAN JURY CONVICTS PROSTITUTE FOR INFECTING MAN WITH HIV.** The AP (1/19) reports that an Australian jury convicted a transgender prostitute Friday “for knowingly infecting a client with HIV.” The defendant had pleaded not guilty and argued that “she had been unaware that she was HIV-positive when she had unprotected sex with the client,” but prosecutors contended that a nurse had advised her of her status two months before she first met the client. She faces a maximum of 10 years in prison.

**YEMEN MAY FACE MALARIA OUTBREAK EVEN AS ITS WAR, DISEASE RAGE ON.** Reuters (1/18, Kanso) reports Yemen, still in the throes of war, hunger, and disease, now may be at risk of a malaria outbreak “due to a collapsing health care system, aid agencies said on Thursday.” Mirella Hodeib, spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said the



conditions in Yemen “provided the optimal conditions for the growth and re-emergence of communicable diseases.” Abdullah Radman, deputy medical coordinator for Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), predicted, “The numbers of malaria cases could increase. It will be more serious if there is no treatment or preventative measures. People will die.”

## **National News:**

**TRUMP TOUTS ECONOMIC RECORD IN VISIT TO PENNSYLVANIA.** Coverage of President Trump’s visit to Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, where he toured a factory and touted the new tax-reform law and the booming economy, focuses heavily on what it describes as the main reason the President made the trip: to boost state Rep. Rick Saccone (R-PA) in the March 13 special election to succeed ex-Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA). The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (1/18, 453K) reports that while Trump touted the new tax law, his “visit also contained a dash of politics,” as the President gave Saccone “a shout-out,” calling him “a real friend and a spectacular man.” The Post-Gazette adds, “Speaking to reporters during a tour of the facility, Mr. Trump called Mr. Saccone ‘a great guy. ... ‘He’s going to do well.’ ‘I’ll be back for Rick,’ Mr. Trump said. ‘We’re going to fill up a stadium for him.’”

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (1/18, Venteicher, 315K) reports that Trump’s “visit provided a burst of enthusiasm for the campaign’s supporters and volunteers and will likely bring broader attention to the campaign, Saccone spokesman Pat Geho said. Geho said that Saccone would work if elected to advance the president’s agenda.” Politico (1/18, Weaver, 3.22M) reported that ahead of his trip, Trump on Thursday morning “tweeted that he was heading to the state to ‘give my total support to RICK SACCONE, running for Congress in a Special Election (March 13).’” Politico added, “The White House said Trump’s trip was not considered a political event. Trump echoed that during his visit to [a] manufacturing plant, saying that Saccone is a ‘great guy’ but that his trip was focused on the tax plan Congress passed late last year.”

WGAL-TV Lancaster, PA (1/18, 6:21 p.m. EST, 70K) reported that Trump “touted economic growth and the recent tax cuts passed by Congress,” telling the crowd that “tax cuts are already working better than anyone imagined.” Trump “also spoke about the historically low unemployment rates.”

KDKA-TV Pittsburgh (1/18, 6:05 p.m. EST, 86K) reported that the “quick visit” gave Trump “time to tout his tax bill, saying it really helps middle class families in Pennsylvania.” Trump: “When we began our push for tax cuts, I promised that our bill would result in more jobs, higher wages and tremendous relief for middle-class families, and that is exactly what we have delivered. There is only one thing. Even I never knew how big it would be. It is much bigger, and you see it. Your paycheck will be much bigger because under our tax cuts, you will be keeping more of your hard-earned money. We kept our promise. In Pennsylvania alone, families will see a tax cut of about \$11 billion just this year alone.” KDKA added that Trump’s visit “was also to help Republican Rick Saccone win a special congressional election in March.”

WPXI-TV Pittsburgh (1/18, 6:02 p.m. EST, 89K) also reported that Trump's trip was "to throw his support behind Rick Saccone. He is running for the 18th district congressional seat held by Tim Murphy who resigned last year amid a scandal."

WTAE-TV Pittsburgh (1/18, 6:01 p.m. EST, 88K) reported that Trump "pointed Rick Saccone out in the crowd but didn't talk about the race specifically. He talked about the benefits of his tax cuts and policies for the economy." Trump: "Anybody unhappy with the 401(k)? i don't think so, right? well, we can keep it like this, we are going to win a lot of elections, that i can tell you. it's something. no, it's something." WTAE added that Trump "saluted H&L Equipment here in North Fayette saying it would be putting \$2.7 million in capital investment." Trump: "The signs of America's come back can be seen at companies like this one, which just had its most successful year in it's 35-year history. Congratulations, good job."

The Washington Post (1/18, Parker, Costa, 11.19M) reports that Trump's "visit to western Pennsylvania Thursday looked, sounded and felt at times like a campaign stop," with the President praising "Saccone as 'a great guy' and 'a special person' during a factory tour. The White House insisted it was not actually a campaign stop – and Trump mostly kept 25 minutes of remarks focused on the" new tax-reform law, which the President contended "will simply buoy the economy. 'Millions of American workers will be seeing signs of America's comeback in their paychecks, in February,' he said. 'Very soon, your paychecks will be much bigger, because under our tax cuts, you will be keeping more of your hard-earned money.'"

USA Today (1/18, Jackson, 8.23M) reports, "The White House billed it as a tax cut speech, but...Trump also used his visit to...warm up for his biggest political project of 2018: The November congressional elections. '[If] we can keep it like this, we're going to win a lot of elections, that I can tell you,' Trump said while discussing the economy before an invited crowd at H&K Equipment Company of Pittsburgh."

The AP (1/18, Colvin, Barrow) reports that Trump "waded into a potentially risky race," backing Saccone "in a contest widely viewed as a test of whether his party can stave off Democratic 2018 gains. Speaking at a Pittsburgh-area factory, Trump" lauded "Saccone as 'a real friend and a spectacular man.' And he told reporters he planned to come back to" the state to stump for the GOP hopeful.

Reuters (1/18, Rascoe) reports that Trump "traveled to western Pennsylvania on Thursday to show his" support for Saccone "in a special congressional election where Democrats are hoping to score another upset victory in Trump-friendly territory." Reuters adds that Trump "won the district by nearly 20 points in the 2016 presidential election and surprised political observers by narrowly winning Pennsylvania, traditionally a Democratic-leaning state."

In an online article, CNN (1/18, Bradner, 31.91M) reported that Trump's visit "underscored just how important Republicans believe" the "special election...is to the party's midterm prospects." Though "the White House insisted his speech at H&K Equipment Company wasn't a political trip, Trump clearly had the" special election "on his mind." Under the headline "The Real Reason



Trump Went To Pennsylvania," NBC News (1/18, 6.95M) reported that the White House said the purpose of Trump's visit was "to highlight how his signature tax cut is boosting the economy. ... But make no mistake, Trump was there to get an early jump on 2020."

Bloomberg News (1/18, Edgerton, Sink, Cirilli, 3.31M) reports that with the visit, Trump "put his political capital to the test" in the wake of "suffering an embarrassing defeat late last year in Alabama, where he backed two losing candidates and the state elected its first Democrat to the Senate in a quarter century." Bloomberg News adds that "House Republican leadership has urged Trump to pay attention to the" contest "to help bolster the Saccone's profile, according to two people familiar with the matter." The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Epstein, Bender, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that Trump's visit came a couple of days after a Democrat was victorious in a Wisconsin state Senate special election in a district Trump had scored a 20-point win.

***After Trump Tweet, White House Says Trip Was Official Business.*** The Washington Times (1/18, Boyer, 505K) reports that in the wake of Trump's Thursday morning tweet saying his Pennsylvania trip would be aimed at boosting Saccone, the "White House clarified Thursday that" the President's visit "is official business to promote his tax cuts." Said White House press secretary Sarah Sanders, "While the president has made clear his support for Republican candidates throughout the country, including in Pennsylvania, the purpose of today's visit is to promote the president's successful agenda especially on taxes."

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, Bierman, 5.51M) reports, "The White House press office was once again forced to walk back a tweet from...Trump on Thursday morning after he described a trip to Pennsylvania later in the day as a political one – a statement that would force the Republican Party, not taxpayers, to pay for the journey."

The Hill (1/18, Kamisar, 1.99M) reported that "taxpayers fund presidential travel for official trips but political parties are required to reimburse the White House for a portion of a trip that involves political activity. ... A 2012 report by the Congressional Research service explains that 'when travel involves both official and political functions, the White House uses a formula to determine' the reimbursement from the political committee."

The Washington Post (1/18, Nakamura, 11.19M) reports that with his tweet, Trump "followed his White House predecessors in one of Washington's usually unspoken traditions: blurring the lines between a campaign trip and official business." The Post adds, "Presidents stretching back to at least Ronald Reagan have unabashedly doubled up on their to-do list while designing presidential travel, especially in election years, giving policy speeches by day and attending fundraisers at night."

***Trump Calls Factory Worker Onstage.*** The Daily Caller (1/18, Johnson, 696K) reported that during his speech at the H&K Equipment factory, Trump touted the new tax law and called on "factory worker Ken Wilson [to join him] onstage." Trump "noted that Ken will save \$2,200 in income taxes each year and" urged "him toward the mic to thank his men." Wilson is quoted as

saying, "It is not just me. It is everybody as a whole. This company is a great company. We work with a bunch of people. Everybody pulled together and pulled this off. It was a sight to see. Something to always remember here. So I thank everybody. Thank you, Mr. Trump. Thank you."

**Democrat Lamb Out With His First TV Ad Of Special Election.** The Hill (1/18, Hagen, 1.99M) reported that Saccone's opponent in the special election, ex-federal prosecutor Conor Lamb (D-PA), "launched his first TV ad on Thursday, pitching himself as someone who will work across the aisle and supports new leadership in Congress." The spot "plays up Lamb's career as a Marine veteran who 'still loves to shoot' and his time as a federal prosecutor. The spot also highlights Lamb's call for new leaders for both parties in the House. Lamb has already said that, if elected, he won't support House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) as leader."

**WTIMES ANALYSIS: ECONOMY "LIFTING OFF" ON TRUMP'S "ROCKET FUEL" POLICIES.** A Washington Times (1/18, Boyer, 505K) analysis reports that President Trump will mark his first year in office "riding a wave of strong economic news." Trump has said for the past year "that his recipe of less regulation and lower taxes would be 'rocket fuel' for employers" and "it looks very much like the economy is lifting off." The Times cites rising corporate profits, declining unemployment, growing GDP and higher consumer and business optimism.

**Economic Reports Point To Signs Of "Sustained Strength."** Breitbart (1/18, Carney, 2.81M) highlights "new signals of sustained strength" in the US economy, citing the Labor Department figures which showed Thursday that "jobless claims fell by 41,000 to 220,000, far below the 249,000 expected by economists." Breitbart adds that the "already very low" unemployment rate of 4.1 percent "could fall even further." In addition, Breitbart reports that "the Atlanta Fed's latest forecast for gross domestic product...rose Thursday to 3.4 percent," and "the Philadelphia Fed's survey of manufacturing business showed that this sector continues to grow in January."

**SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ADVANCES 17 JUDICIAL NOMINEES.** The Hill (1/18, Wheeler, 1.99M) reports that the Senate Judiciary Committee "advanced 17 judicial nominees, several of which were vehemently opposed by Democrats, to the floor for a vote Thursday, along with three nominees for top posts in the Department of Justice (DOJ)." Although Sen. Cory Booker "pushed Committee Chairman Sen. Chuck Grassley to hold over" the nomination of one controversial nominee, Thomas Farr, and schedule a second hearing, Grassley "said he disagreed with the need for another hearing and carried on with a vote."

**"FAKE NEWS AWARDS" SITE RECEIVES OVER TWO MILLION VISITS IN ONE NIGHT.** The Daily Caller (1/18, Hasson, 696K) says the "'Fake News Awards' that the Republican National Committee hosted on Trump's behalf received over two million visits on Wednesday night alone," according to one RNC official. The article also says the RNC "gave 'awards' to news organizations who botched stories in 2017. CNN won big, taking home four awards, followed by the New York Times with two and a four-way tie for fourth place."

**Ed Martin Out As Contributor On CNN.** The Hollywood Reporter (1/18, Barr, 1.88M) reports that Trump supporter and former Missouri politician Ed Martin "is out as a CNN contributor, a



network spokesperson confirmed Thursday.” Media Matters noted on Thursday “that Martin hasn’t appeared on air since mid-December, when he said on his radio show that some of his fellow panelists on a particular segment were ‘black racists.’” The network never formally announced that it had hired Martin when he first began regular appearances in September, “but he seemingly wrote up his own press release and published it on Twitter.”

**TRUMP TO HOLD INAUGURATION ANNIVERSARY GALA AT MAR-A-LAGO.** Bloomberg News (1/18, Jacobs, Allison, 3.31M) reports that “President Donald Trump will mark the first anniversary of his inauguration on Saturday with a celebration at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, with tickets starting at \$100,000 a pair.” Tickets will include a photograph with Trump and dinner; couples who pay \$250,000 “can also take part in a roundtable.” It is not clear “whether Trump’s plans to travel to Florida for the weekend would change if the government is shut down when current funding runs out at midnight Friday.”

**Prosecutors Drop Most Remaining Inaugural Day Rioting Cases.** The Washington Post (1/18, Alexander, 11.19M) reports that a month after a jury in Washington, DC acquitted six co-defendants charged with rioting during President Trump’s 2017 inauguration, federal prosecutors “said late Thursday they were dismissing the charges against 129 other people who also had been arrested and faced trial in the incidents in the District.” According to the Post, “cases against 59 individuals will move ahead, prosecutors said in a filing with D.C. Superior Court in which the government stated it had evidence of direct involvement in the riots for many of those.” The Post adds that in all, “more than 200 people were charged in connection with the protests.” Twenty of them “have pleaded guilty, and prosecutors previously dropped cases against another 20.” Trials for the remaining defendants “were scheduled to proceed through the end of the year,” and the next trial was scheduled for March.

**CBC SEEKS TO CENSURE TRUMP OVER VULGAR REMARK ON HAITI, OTHER NATIONS.** Politico (1/18, McCaskill, 3.22M) reported that Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA on Thursday “introduced a resolution to censure President Donald Trump over what he contends is the president’s racist rhetoric referring to El Salvador, Haiti and African nations” with a vulgar term. Politico said, “The resolution – which has more than 130 co-sponsors, including House Democratic leaders – calls on the House to publicly state its support for the nations Trump disparaged, censure and condemn the president for his statements, and demand he retract his comments and apologize.”

In an online article, CNN (1/18, Mucha, 31.91M) reported that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi “is a co-sponsor of the resolution, according to her spokesman. While the likelihood of such a resolution moving through a Republican-controlled House is extremely low, Pelosi’s support brings more attention to the push.” The Hill (1/18, Marcos, 1.99M) reported that during a press conference, Richmond “warned they may try to force a floor vote on the censure resolution if GOP leaders don’t bring it up. ‘We have asked the Speaker to bring it up. If he doesn’t, then we will look at other ways to force a vote on it,’ Richmond” said.

**Editorial Defending Trump In Wake Of Vulgar Remark Sparks Outrage.** Politico (1/18, Calderone, 3.22M) reported, “Journalists at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, along with former employees and some city luminaries, are expressing outrage over a pro-Trump editorial ordered



up by the paper's publisher," John Block, "that they view as endorsing racism. The editorial, titled 'Reason as racism,' argued that calling someone a racist is 'the new McCarthyism' and defended the sentiment behind...Trump's reported" vulgar comment about Haiti and African nations. Politico added, "The Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh, which represents 150 employees at the paper, said in a letter to the editor that it was 'collectively appalled and crestfallen by the repugnant editorial.'" Politico added, "The Post-Gazette didn't run the letter to the editor...or another letter denouncing the editorial and signed by 28 former employees of the paper."

***Activists Hope Reported Trump's Comment Will Spark Haitian Turnout In Florida.*** The New York Times (1/18, Romero, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports on reactions within the Haitian community in South Florida after President Trump "was reported describing Haiti and unspecified African countries as 's---holes.'" The Times says that for these Haitians, Trump's comments "were yet another reminder of the stigma they have faced since they began arriving decades ago in large numbers." It also says Trump's comments are serving among Haitians in South Florida "as a reminder of their capacity to overcome" the stigmatism, "and their Democratic-leaning leaders are now vowing to use the episode to bolster citizenship drives and turnout in a state where the outcome of presidential elections can turn on a handful of votes."

**HICKS' TESTIMONY IN RUSSIA PROBE DELAYED.** On ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 4, 1:20, Vega, 14.63M), Cecilia Vega reported that White House Communications Director Hope Hicks was "expected to testify in the congressional Russia probe. But late today, her Capitol Hill appearance [was] delayed over negotiations about whether she will invoke executive privilege. It comes the same week that President Trump's former chief strategist, Steve Bannon, asserted executive privilege, refusing to answer questions about the transition or his time at the White House." ABC News showed a clip of Fox News' Bret Baier asking White House chief of Staff Kelly, "Did the White House ask [Bannon] to invoke executive privilege?" Kelly was shown replying, "No. No. Steve has had very, very little contact with the White House since he's left."

***Swalwell: White House Trying To "Muzzle" Witnesses In Bid "To Protect The President."*** Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) said on MSNBC's Morning Joe (1/18, 762K), "It would at least be lawful for Mr. Bannon to say that he was invoking executive privilege, but that isn't actually what occurred. He said he was told he couldn't talk, which is unlawful for the White House – to not stand on any legal authority, but to just muzzle a witness and to keep that witness from talking to us. And then the very next day Corey Lewandowski comes in and refuses to answer any questions – says that he talked to the President the night before, but wouldn't tell us anything that occurred after Corey Lewandowski left the campaign." Swalwell added that "it looks like they're selectively choosing who can tell us what in an effort to protect the President."

***Professors: President Cannot Invoke Executive Privilege In Russia Probe.*** In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M), Sai Prakash, a law professor at the University of Virginia and a senior fellow at the Miller Center, and John Yoo, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley and a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, argue that President Trump cannot legally invoke executive privilege in Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election. They argue that while executive privilege protects deliberations about national security and diplomacy, it does not shield officials from criminal probes, as the Supreme Court ruled in *US v. Nixon* in 1974. Prakash and Yoo point out that the court has never ruled on executive privilege against congressional investigations, but they contend that the president has no legal justification for a refusal to talk to the special



counsel.

***WPost: Congress Must Act To Prevent Russian Meddling Because Trump Will Not.*** The Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) editorializes that “the most damaging aspect of President Trump’s behavior on Russia may not be his attempts to discredit the work of Robert S. Mueller...but his utter disregard of the continuing threat from Moscow.” The Post asserts that Russia meddled in the 2016 presidential election, is likely to attempt similar efforts in 2018 and 2020, and “the Trump administration has done next to nothing — in large part because the president refuses to recognize the threat.” The Post concludes that, because Trump refuses to take action, Congress should pass “Defending Elections from Threats by Establishing Redlines...Act,” which “would mandate a robust US response if Russia or any other state interfered in a federal election.”

**FBI PROBING WHETHER RUSSIA FUNNELED CASH TO NRA TO AID TRUMP CAMPAIGN.** McClatchy (1/18, Stone, Gordon, 44K) reports, “The FBI is investigating whether a top Russian banker with ties to the Kremlin illegally funneled money to the National Rifle Association to help Donald Trump win the presidency,” according to “two sources familiar with the matter.” McClatchy says, “FBI counterintelligence investigators have focused on the activities of Alexander Torshin, the deputy governor of Russia’s central bank who is known for his close relationships with both Russian President Vladimir Putin and the NRA, the sources said.” McClatchy adds that it isn’t clear “how long the Torshin inquiry has been ongoing.” but the revelation about the “investigation signals a new dimension in the 18-month-old FBI probe of Russia’s interference.”

**HOUSE INTEL REPUBLICANS AUTHORIZE SHARING OF MEMO ON FBI, DOJ OFFICIALS.** Politico (1/18, Cheney, 3.22M) reported that GOP members of the House Intelligence Committee “have authorized their colleagues to access a highly classified report that they say details their concerns with the conduct of top FBI and Justice Department officials, as well as the agencies’ handling of a controversial surveillance program. ‘We have concerns – FISA concerns – that all members of the body should know,’ said Rep. Mike Conaway (R-Texas),” in reference “to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Some of President Donald Trump’s allies in the House have argued that the program was inappropriately used to surveil a foreign policy aide to the Trump campaign.”

Amid reports of a memo detailing FISA abuses by the US government, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) said on Fox News’ Hannity (1/18, 2.02M), “We can’t get into the specific information, but I can tell you I’m as certain as ever that the claims we have been making are accurate claims that there is intelligence information that backs it up. And that there has been a real attempt to undermine this President and it has come from the scariest of places. ... And that is the type of information that we need all Americans to see immediately.”

Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) said on Fox News’ Hannity (1/18, 2.02M), “What I read today in that classified briefing room is as bad as I thought it was and every single American citizen should have the ability to see that information to know exactly what our FBI was up to.”

Sean Hannity said on Fox News' Hannity (1/18, 2.02M) that "it is more disturbing than we ever thought. And at this hour our sources are telling us that the abusive power is far bigger than Watergate. Remember, Watergate was a third-rate break-in. What we're talking about tonight is the systematic abuse of power, the weaponizing of those powerful tools of intelligence, and the shredding of our Fourth Amendment constitutional rights that protect all of us against unlawful search and seizure."

**WSJournal Applauds Move.** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) applauds Thursday's vote by the House Intelligence Committee to allow all members of the House access to the classified memo, saying the move increases the odds that the American public will learn the facts on the subject. The Journal says that while all Democrats and Republicans on the committee voted to release a transcript of the panel's interview with GPS' Glenn Simpson, all the Democrats voted against allowing all House members have access to the memo detailing the FBI's use of FISA warrants in 2016 to surveil Trump's campaign team.

**Ex-Comey Chief Of Staff Rybicki Interviewed By Pair Of House Committees.** The Hill (1/18, Williams, Chalfant, 1.99M) reported, "Two House panels on Thursday questioned former FBI Director James Comey's former chief of staff during a closed-door interview that lasted over seven hours." The Hill said that James Rybicki was questioned by members of "the House Judiciary and Oversight committees as part of a joint investigation into the way the bureau handled the investigation into former secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server." The Hill said, "Lawmakers of both parties filtered in and out of interview tight-lipped on the details of the interview, although they largely indicated that Rybicki was cooperating with the questions."

**New York Courts Reject Probe Of Comey, "Seemingly Breaking Their Own Rules."** The Washington Times (1/18, Dinan, 505K) reports, "The New York courts have refused to pursue an investigation against former FBI Director James B. Comey and several other major figures involved in the Clinton email scandal, seemingly breaking their own rules in the process." Attorney Ty Clevenger "had filed grievances against Mr. Comey and three others saying they violated fundamental rules of lawyers' ethics by the way they handled the investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's emails. The New York grievance commission," however, "rejected all of the complaints without comment. Under the commission's own rules, it is supposed to provide 'a brief description of the basis for the determination.'"

**TRANSCRIPTS: SIMPSON ALLEGED POSSIBLE MONEY LAUNDERING BETWEEN TRUMP, RUSSIANS.** USA Today (1/18, Kelly, Johnson, 8.23M) reports, "The opposition research firm that helped produce the notorious Trump dossier was looking into possible money laundering by Donald Trump and Russian nationals, according to transcripts released Thursday by the House Intelligence Committee." According to the transcript, Fusion GPS co-founder Glenn Simpson said in November testimony before the panel that his firm "found 'patterns of buying and selling that we thought were suggestive of money laundering.'" Simpson told the committee that "there were 'an amazing number of people from the former Soviet Union who had purchased properties from Mr. Trump,'" according to the transcript.



Reuters (1/18, Walcott) reports that Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, on Thursday said, "Those transcripts reveal serious allegations that the Trump Organization may have engaged in money laundering with Russian nationals." According to the transcripts, Simpson "said that his firm closely examined sales of condominiums in Trump properties in New York, Miami, Panama City and Toronto. 'There were a lot of real estate deals where you couldn't really tell who was buying the property,' Simpson said. 'And sometimes properties would be bought and sold, and they would be bought for one price and sold for a loss shortly thereafter, and it really didn't make sense to us.'" Politico (1/18, Staff, 3.22M) reported that according to the transcripts, Simpson "urged lawmakers...to look into what he said were ties between...Trump and Russian money laundering."

**Himes: Simpson Allegations "Could Be Of Interest" To Mueller.** Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT) was asked on CNN's Situation Room (1/18, 748K) about the seriousness of the money laundering allegations against the Trump Organization. Himes said, "Let's be clear. They are just that. They are Glenn Simpson's opinion. They are allegations. They are suggestions. That is not a verdict. Obviously...if there's any truth to them, they would be very, very serious. Not likely to be something that the congressional investigations would uncover. We don't have the resources or the expertise to pursue that kind of thing. I would just assume that since that would sort of point to the criminal realm, that this might be, and I do say might be because I don't know, one of the topics that could be of interest in the special counsel Bob Mueller."

**Simpson Was Angry Over Comey's Late Announcement On Clinton Probe.** Meanwhile, the Washington Post (1/18, Barrett, Demirjian, Zapotosky, 11.19M) reports that according to the transcripts, Simpson "said he tried to spur stories that the GOP candidate was under FBI investigation, because he was angry that then-FBI Director James B. Comey had reopened a probe into Hillary Clinton days before the 2016 election." The transcript quotes Simpson as saying, "We were shocked, and I felt, I mean, I guess I was angry. At that point I felt like the rules had just been thrown out and that Comey had violated...one of the more sacrosanct policies, which is not announcing law enforcement activity in the closing days of an election."

**IN WAKE OF MUELLER PROSECUTIONS, SPIKE SEEN IN NUMBER OF FARA FILINGS.** The Washington Times (1/18, Boylan, 505K) reports, "Washington political operatives are scrambling to register their work for overseas clients in the wake of special counsel Robert Mueller's high-profile prosecution of top Trump campaign officials for violating the largely ignored laws governing foreign lobbying, NBC News reported on Thursday. According to an NBC analysis, between 2016 and 2017 first-time filings with the US Justice Department's Foreign Agents Registration (FARA) Unit jumped 50 percent to 102. In addition, supplemental filings – including details about campaign donations, meetings and phone calls – more than doubled from 618 to 1,244."

**"MANHATTAN MEDIA ELITE" FETE MICHAEL WOLFF.** Writing for the New York Times (1/18, McCreesh, Subscription Publication, 15.39M), Michael McCreesh says that on Wednesday night, a number "of Manhattan's media elite" gathered "to toast Michael Wolff, the author of 'Fire and Fury,' the best-selling book about the [Trump] administration. Earlier in the day, Politico had declared the party, held at the Upper West Side apartment of Stephen Rubin, president and publisher of Henry Holt, a 'HOT TICKET' – and Twitter's 'verified' users were abuzz." McCreesh goes on to describe the event.

**WSJOURNAL EXAMINES TRUMP'S CONVERSING STYLE.** Under the headline "Talking To Trump: A How-To Guide," the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Nicholas, Ballhaus, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that it spoke with over 50 people who met with President Trump during his first year in office, and those people shared their thoughts on what conversing with the President is like. Among other things, those people said that Trump is prone to change the topic of the conversation, he is very candid in his remarks, and is not put off by blunt remarks offered by others.

**USA TODAY EXAMINES WHY DANIELS STORY "HASN'T BEEN BIGGER NEWS."** In an "analysis," USA Today (1/18, Korte, 8.23M) reports on the why the controversy over President Trump's alleged affair with porn star Stormy Daniels has apparently not had much of a negative impact on Trump. USA Today says that "Trump's exploits seem to be baked into his poll numbers." USA Today adds that Dartmouth University professor Brendan Nyhan "says there's a number of reasons why the Daniels story hasn't been bigger news," including "a 'cluttered news environment.'" USA Today adds that "there's also this: The behavior Daniels describes, beginning with meeting Trump in his hotel room at a celebrity golf tournament in 2005, appeared to be entirely consensual."

**Report: Daniels Claimed To Have Spanked Trump With A Forbes Magazine.** Mother Jones (1/18, Friedman, 947K) reports, "According to 2009 emails between political operatives who were at the time advising Daniels on a possible political campaign," she "claimed that her affair with Trump included an unusual act: spanking him with a copy of Forbes magazine." At the time, Daniels had "announced that she was considering challenging Sen. David Vitter. ... According to a May 8, 2009, email written by an operative advising Daniels, who asked not to be identified, Daniels at one point scrolled through her cellphone contacts to provide her consultants with a list of names" that included Trump. The "email was sent to Andrea Dubé, a Democratic political consultant based in New Orleans. In response, Dubé expressed surprise that Daniels was friendly with Trump," to which "the other consultant" responded, "She says one time he made her sit with him for three hours watching 'shark week.' Another time he had her spank him with a Forbes magazine."

**TILLERSON EXTENDS EFFORT TO CLEAR PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST BACKLOG.** Politico (1/18, Toosi, 3.22M) reports Secretary of State Tillerson, in a January 5 email, announced a 90 extension of "his unusual effort to clear the State Department's huge backlog of public records requests." The move comes as "as conservative groups such as Judicial Watch continue to press the department to release more of former Secretary of State's Hillary Clinton's emails," and "many State staffers believe Tillerson is seeking to appease President Donald Trump's fixation on Clinton's emails." Additionally, some of those forced to work on the project are "career diplomats and civil servants" who find the clerical tasks "demoralizing" and suspect it is "a make-work exercise designed to induce them to quit as Tillerson tries to cut State's budget and streamline its staff."

**NYTIMES ANALYSIS: SEARCH FOR NEW YORK FED PRESIDENT NOT LEFT TO TRUMP.** The New York Times (1/18, Appelbaum, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports on the process of filling the vacancy of New York Fed president, one of the three top positions at the Federal Reserve currently undergoing transition. While President Trump has influence over the Fed



chairmanship and vice chairmanship, the New York Fed's board of directors gets to fill the regional bank's presidency. The article discusses the factors it is weighing, including whether to choose someone "in the mold of" outgoing Fed chairwoman Janet Yellen.

**DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZERS PLAN BLACK WOMEN'S SUMMIT FOR FEBRUARY.** The Washington Post (1/18, Williams, 11.19M) reports that the organizers of Power Rising, a black women's summit, "are hoping to gather more than 1,000 participants in Atlanta next month to map out a strategy for" leveraging black women's political influence. The Post says the idea for the event "came out of a retreat held by female members of the Congressional Black Caucus after the 2016 presidential election." In that election, "black women had proven to be the Democratic Party's most loyal group of voters in the general election." The article provides background and detail on the event.

**CONGRESS INTRODUCES MEASURE DEALING WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT.** The Washington Post (1/18, Eltagouri, 11.19M) reports that lawmakers introduced a bipartisan bill on Thursday "mandating that members of Congress pay sexual harassment settlements themselves...as part of an effort to reform the House's current, secretive method of dealing with workplace complaints." The article provides detail and background on the bill.

**PARENT COMPANY OPENS INVESTIGATION INTO LATIMES PUBLISHER.** The Los Angeles Times (1/18, James, 5.51M) reports that its parent company, Tronc, "said Thursday that it had opened an investigation into past conduct of Times publisher Ross Levinsohn." The investigation follows a "detailed report" on Levinsohn's past behavior by NPR's media writer David Folkenflik.

**MEGYN KELLY STAFFER FIRED AFTER REPORTING "TOXIC AND DEMEANING" ENVIRONMENT.** Page Six (1/18, Smith, 1.12M) reports that Kevin Bleyer, who was a writer for "Megyn Kelly Today," was fired "after claiming there is a 'toxic and demeaning' environment on set, rife with bullying and 'abusive treatment.'" Bleyer accused executive Christine Cataldi and Jackie Levin of "bullying lower level members of staff." Bleyer wrote in a memo to NBC News human resources, "I'm sad to say ... the executive incompetence continues — as does the dysfunctional management, abusive treatment, maddening hypocrisy, staggering inefficiencies, acidic and deficient communication, and relentless scapegoating. Jackie Levin persists in creating a toxic and demeaning environment, and Christine Cataldi enables and reinforces it."

**STATES, MUNICIPALITIES CONSIDER ANTI-BUMP STOCK LEGISLATION.** The Washington Post (1/18, Zezima, 11.19M) says at least 15 states plus the city of Denver "are considering laws that would ban bump stocks." These proposed laws come "after Congress failed to act on bipartisan resolve to restrict them following their use in a Las Vegas massacre last year," and after Columbia, SC "barred them last year."

**RYAN RAISED OFF-YEAR RECORD \$44M IN 2017, TRANSFERRED \$32M TO NRCC.** Politico (1/18, Schneider, 3.22M) reported that House Speaker Ryan (R) "raised more than \$44 million in 2017, an off-year record for any House leader — a financial haul Republicans hope will shore up vulnerable GOP members in what's shaping up to be a tough midterm cycle for Republicans."

Politico said that Ryan “raised \$4.8 million” in the fourth quarter of last year, “down from \$6.7 million in the third quarter.” Politico added, that Ryan in 2017 “transferred \$32 million to the National Republican Campaign Committee” and an additional “\$1.7 million directly to GOP members.” The Hill (1/18, Bowden, 1.99M) also reported on Ryan’s fundraising numbers.

#### **FELLOW ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS CITE TRUMP IN BACKING LIPINSKI PRIMARY FOE.**

Politico (1/18, Korecki, 3.22M) reported that Reps. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) on Wednesday condemned Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL) and backed “his little-known primary opponent.” Speaking at a news conference, Gutierrez “framed the public shunning as a necessary response in the Donald Trump era: Democrats needed to unite against the president, and Lipinski couldn’t be counted on to vote reliably with Democrats.” Politico added that the move, however, “was also a tale of a party that is an increasingly awkward fit for centrists like Lipinski,” who opposes abortion rights, and also voted against immigration measures widely backed by Democrats.

#### **HIGH COURT TEMPORARILY BLOCKS RULING ORDERING NORTH CAROLINA TO REMAP.**

The New York Times (1/18, Liptak, Blinder, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports that the US Supreme Court on Thursday “temporarily blocked a trial court’s order requiring North Carolina lawmakers to produce a revised congressional voting map, making it likely that the midterm elections this year will be conducted using districts favorable to Republican candidates. The trial court had found that Republican legislators in the state had violated the Constitution by drawing congressional voting districts to hurt the electoral chances of Democratic candidates.” The Times adds that the Supreme Court, “which is considering two other major tests of partisan gerrymandering, has granted stays in similar settings. Its decisions in the pending cases, from Wisconsin and Maryland, are likely to effectively decide the North Carolina case, too.”

#### **LESSIG ENVISIONS SCENARIO IN WHICH HILLARY CLINTON BECOMES PRESIDENT.**

The Washington Times (1/18, Richardson, 505K) reports that Harvard Law School professor Lawrence Lessig “says there’s still a scenario in which Hillary Clinton becomes president.” Speaking with Newsweek, Lessig “envisioned a scenario in which President Trump resigns or is impeached, Vice President Mike Pence resigns or is impeached, and House Speaker Paul D. Ryan – who would be next in line – nominates Mrs. Clinton to be his vice president, and then steps aside to let her have the job.”

**NASA SAYS 2017 WAS AMONG HOTTEST YEARS ON RECORD.** The Washington Post (1/18, Mooney, 11.19M) says NASA reported on Thursday that “2017 was among the hottest years ever recorded.” In addition, according to NASA’s measures, “the 2017 results make the past four years the hottest period in their 138-year archive.” White House Principal Deputy Press Secretary Raj Shah said in a statement, “The climate has changed and is always changing,” adding, “To address climate change as well as other risks, the U.S. will continue to promote access to affordable and reliable energy and support technology, innovation and the development of modern and efficient infrastructure in order to reduce emissions and effectively address future climate related risks.”

The CBS Evening News (1/18, story 10, 0:15, Glor, 11.17M) briefly reported that 2017 had the second warmest global surface temperature since recording began in 1880, according to NASA,



while the NOAA “pegged it as the third warmest.” Both agencies “say the five warmest years have occurred since 2010.”

***New Study Finds Extreme Predictions About Climate Change Effects Unlikely.*** The Washington Times (1/18, Richardson, 505K) reports on a new study (1/17, Williamson, 197K) published in the journal *Nature* which “throws cold water on the U.N.’s most extreme climate-change scenarios, finding little chance that the planet will heat up by 4 to 5 degrees over the next century.” The study’s lead author, University of Exeter Professor Peter M. Cox, said in a press release, “Our study all but rules out very low and very high climate sensitivities, so we now know much better what we need to.” The article says the study’s conclusions “also improve the chances of meeting the goals of the Paris climate accord.”

**NEW YORK CITY OFFICIAL FILES LAWSUIT CLAIMING DISCRIMINATION.** The New York Times (1/18, Neuman, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports that Geneith Turnbull, a former deputy commissioner at the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services who was demoted during what the city called a “reorganization of the agency,” has filed a lawsuit “alleging that her demotion was motivated by discrimination, and was meant to punish her for standing up to her supervisors.” Turnbull has accused the city of demoting her “in retaliation for repeatedly voicing concerns about a pay raise given to one of her subordinates, who she believed had in some way helped to protect” Mayor Bill de Blasio during a 2016 federal investigation into allegations that de Blasio “traded favors for political donations.”

**CONSERVATIVE LOBBYIST ATTACKED OUTSIDE HIS HOME.** The Daily Caller (1/18, Crowe, 696K) reported that “well-known conservative lobbyist” Jack Burkman “was sprayed with a ‘caustic substance’ by a masked attacker outside his Arlington home Tuesday, according to local police.” The *Daily Caller* said that Burkman drew “headlines in 2016 by offering a \$130,000 reward for information on the mysterious murder of DNC staffer Seth Rich. ... Local police told The Washington Post they have not yet determined the perpetrator’s identity.”

**SPENCER TO SPEAK AT MICHIGAN STATE.** The Washington Post (1/18, Svrluga, 11.19M) says Michigan State University “will allow white nationalist Richard Spencer to speak on campus in March.” The university initially denied the request for Spencer to speak, but it relented “after settling a lawsuit brought by a supporter,” who claimed the denial violated First Amendment rights.

**NYTIMES OP-ED: STEWART ATTEMPTING “HOSTILE TAKEOVER” WITH ESCALANTE BILL.** Christopher Ketcham, a former Utah resident who “is writing a book about public lands in the American West,” asserts in the New York Times (1/18, Ketcham, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) that Representative Chris Stewart’s recently-introduced “legislation to establish the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve...could set a precedent with enormous consequences nationally, all of them bad for the national parks and the park service.” Ketcham writes that the bill would vest control in an unprecedented “management council,” and would also “elevate hunting and the grazing of livestock to core purposes of the park.” Ketcham declares in conclusion that if this bill becomes law, “the anti-federalists of Utah will have legitimized a hostile takeover of the commons.”

**GOLDFARB: TRUMP NOT MENTALLY ILL, JUST HAS “COUNTRY CLUB MIND-SET.”**

Michael Goldfarb, “the host of the FRDH (First Rough Draft of History) podcast,” asserts in an op-ed in the New York Times (1/18, Goldfarb, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) that President Trump’s words “about certain African countries and about immigrants from Haiti is exactly what you might hear at any country club: in the locker room, or at the 19th-hole bar, or around a big family table with friends and their kids having the Sunday all-you-can-eat buffet.” Goldfarb asserts this as part of a broader critique of both Trump and “the country club mind-set;” he opines that “when the country-club class gets directly involved in politics, a country is on a shortcut to disaster.” Goldfarb suggests that everyone should “stop looking for grand psychiatric theories about what makes Mr. Trump tick,” because “it is insulting to people who suffer from real mental illness.”

**WRITER: ON TRUMP, “THERE IS A STRATEGIC LOGIC TO CONSPIRACY THEORIES.”** In a piece for Politico Magazine (1/18, Uscinski, 3.16M), University of Miami assistant political scientist Joseph E. Uscinski, author of “American Conspiracy Theories,” asks, “Why have Democrats become so prone to conspiracy theorizing about Donald Trump?” For example, despite Trump being “said to be in fine health by his doctor, many of the president’s detractors believe the doctor is lying and that there is a conspiracy afoot to conceal the president’s true deteriorating condition.” Uscinski adds that “there is a strategic logic to conspiracy theories: They are for losers. Conspiracy theories bind groups closer together, focus attention and motivate action. Electoral losers have a strong incentive – consciously or not – to motivate their co-partisans with a unifying narrative of a terrifying enemy.”

**WSJOURNAL: DEMOCRATS’ WISCONSIN WIN INVALIDATES PARTY’S SUPREME COURT ARGUMENT.** The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes that an unexpected Democratic victory on Tuesday in a special election for a Wisconsin state Senate seat invalidates an argument that Democrats made in *Gill v. Whitford*. In that case, Democrats asserted that the GOP had gerrymandered districts to such an extent that Democrats are incapable of winning an amount of seats proportional to the number of votes they receive. The Journal asserts that Democrats will be every bit as partisan as Republicans if they ascend to a similar position, and that the real solution to a perceived imbalance in power is to win elections, not fight through the courts.

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. “Here’s Another Fine Mess They’ve Gotten Us Into.”** In an editorial, the New York Times (1/18, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) calls a shutdown “calamitous evidence of bipartisan dysfunction,” and “chaotic and cruel directives from the White House.” The Times calls on Congress to “send the president a credible budget and demand that he sign it.”

**WASHINGTON POST. “Congress Has A Bill To Do Something About Russia. It’s Up To Them Now.”** The Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) editorializes that “the most damaging aspect of President Trump’s behavior on Russia may not be his attempts to discredit the work of Robert S. Mueller...but his utter disregard of the continuing threat from Moscow.” The Post asserts that



Russia meddled in the 2016 presidential election, is likely to attempt similar efforts in 2018 and 2020, and “the Trump administration has done next to nothing — in large part because the president refuses to recognize the threat.” The Post concludes that, because Trump refuses to take action, Congress should pass “Defending Elections from Threats by Establishing Redlines...Act,” which “would mandate a robust US response if Russia or any other state interfered in a federal election.”

**“Shift Out Of Neutral, And Raise The Gas Tax.”** The Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) editorializes that “raising the federal gas tax to help pay for highways and restrain federal deficits is a good idea whose time never seems to come.” The Post notes that “the federal trust fund that pays for highways and transit projects is funded for the next two years...by 2027, however, the fund will have accumulated a \$138 billion deficit,” The Post asserts that a proposed 25-cents-per-gallon tax, endorsed by the US Chamber of Commerce, “would raise \$394 billion over the next decade, enough to restore the trust fund to solvency.”

**“Another Dictator Lashes Out At Press Freedom.”** The Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) editorializes that Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte’s description of Rappler, an online news organization, as a “fake news outlet,” and the revocation of Rappler’s license “on a very thin pretext” constitute “an unwarranted strike at press freedom that should alarm everyone worried about the contagion of illiberalism.” The Post also calls Duterte’s move “a twisted way to undermine confidence and trust in the news itself.” Such dictatorial tactics are also “flooding into open democracies,” the Post asserts, and President Trump’s “use of ‘fake news’ shows not that the United States is overflowing with untrustworthy news but that it is possible for a leader to use smokescreens and kick up dust to the point where it obscures truth.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “The Wisconsin Gerrymander Lesson.”** The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes that an unexpected Democratic victory on Tuesday in a special election for a Wisconsin state Senate seat invalidates an argument that Democrats made in *Gill v. Whitford*. In that case, Democrats asserted that the GOP had gerrymandered districts to such an extent that Democrats are incapable of winning an amount of seats proportional to the number of votes they receive. The Journal asserts that Democrats will be every bit as partisan as Republicans if they ascend to a similar position, and that the real solution to a perceived imbalance in power is to win elections, not fight through the courts.

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**“Tax Reform’s Apple Dividend.”** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) cites Apple’s announcement that it will invest \$350 billion in the US economy over five years and pay \$38 billion in taxes on \$250 billion it holds overseas as proof that the new

tax law is working as its backers said it would.

## **The Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

House Passes Stopgap Budget Bill; Senate Resistance Remains

Six Chinese Ships Covertly Aided North Korea. The US Was Watching

Venezuela's Oil Production Is Collapsing

College Endowment Tax Could Hit Smaller Schools Harder

#### ***New York Times:***

House Passes Short-Term Spending Bill, Setting Up Shutdown Battle In Senate

The Chaos President Vs. His Iron-Fisted Chief Of Staff

Trump Rebuked China For North Korea's Oil Smuggling. It's More Complicated.

2017 Was One Of The Hottest Years On Record. And That Was Without El Niño.

Tax Overhaul Is A Blow To Affordable Housing Efforts

Driving A Car In Manhattan Could Cost \$11.52 Under Congestion Plan

#### ***Washington Post:***

Shutdown Looms Despite House Action

Conscience Protection For Health Workers

At Nassar Hearing, A Parade Of Horror And Catharsis

Plan Being Formed To Keep Parks Open

Three Locales In Region Make Amazon's HQ Cut

#### ***Financial Times:***



Entente Kept Cordiale As May And Macron Test Relationship

Zimbabwe's New President Seeks To Build Bridges With West

Uber Told To Focus On US And Europe As SoftBank Deal Closes

***Washington Times:***

On 'Rocket Fuel': Economy Roars To Life During Trump's First Year

House Passes Spending Bill; Senate Leaves Government In Suspense Over Shutdown

Trump's Contradictory Tweets Keep Heads Spinning On Capitol Hill

'12 Strong' Filmmakers Learn From Real Horse Soldiers Who Fought Early Battles Of Afghanistan War

Pro-Lifers To March Against Taxpayer-Funded Abortions

Tillerson Scrambles To Define U.S. Policy On Syria, Kurds Amid Rising Tensions With Turkey

***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

**ABC:** California Child Abuse; Government Budget Deal; Trump-Border Wall; Russia Probe-WH; Phoenix Serial Killer; Severe Weather; USA Gymnastics Sexual Abuse; Flu Epidemic; Pennsylvania-US Marshal Shot; Amazon New HQ; Pope-Airborne Wedding; Grandpa Driver.

**CBS:** California Child Abuse; Government Budget Deal; Severe Weather; Flu Epidemic; Phoenix Serial Killer; Wells Fargo Bank Error; Amazon New HQ; USA Gymnastics Sexual Abuse; Pennsylvania-US Marshal Shot; 2017 Global Temperature; California Mudslides; NFL News.

**NBC:** Government Budget Deal; Trump-Border Wall; California Child Abuse; Flu Epidemic; Severe Weather; USA Gymnastics Sexual Abuse; Amazon New HQ; Laundry Detergent Warning; Average Child Bearing Age; Highway Close Call; Drone Surfer Rescue; Pope-Airborne Wedding.

***Network TV At A Glance:***

California Child Abuse – 9 minutes, 15 seconds

Government Budget Deal – 7 minutes, 30 seconds

Flu Epidemic – 5 minutes, 30 seconds

Amazon New HQ – 4 minutes, 10 seconds

Severe Weather – 2 minutes, 45 seconds

***Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:***

**ABC:** Government Budget Deal; DACA Legal Challenge; California Child Abuse.

**CBS:** Government Budget Deal; California Child Abuse; Phoenix Serial Killer; Severe Weather; Celebrity Deaths;

**FOX:** Government Budget Deal; California Child Abuse; Newark Airport-Fake Bomb.

**NPR:** Government Budget Deal; Trump Immigration Slur-Criticism; Israel-Jordan Relations; Wall Street News.

**Last Laughs:**

**LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

***Jimmy Kimmel:*** "We're on the brink of a government shutdown, and Congress [is] trying to hammer out some kind of agreement to keep the country open. It's amazing we've reached a point which North and South Korea have a better relationship than Republicans and Democrats."

***Jimmy Kimmel:*** "I think Donald Trump actually wants a government shutdown. I think he thinks it will be like a snow day for him to take off."

***Stephen Colbert:*** "It's been an exciting 24 hours because, last night, on the verge of a government shutdown, with funding running out on healthcare for nine million children, going toe to toe with a madman with a thermonuclear arsenal, Donald Trump stayed laser-focused by announcing the winners of his Fake News Awards. I'm sad to say the 'Late Show' was snubbed. Yeah, I know. It's hard to take. At least, for once, we didn't lose to John Oliver."

***Stephen Colbert:*** "Now, according to the GOP.com, these awards had to happen because, since Trump was elected, the media has spent 90 percent of the time focused on negative coverage. Well, yeah! Trump is bad at being President 90 percent of the time. Just this week, we're preparing for a government shutdown, found out Trump had an affair with a porn star, and almost lost Hawaii. It's only Thursday!"

***Stephen Colbert:*** "How many Donald Trumps does it take to screw in a light bulb? We'll never know because, after he screws something, he gives it \$130,000 not to tell anybody."

***James Corden:*** "Ladies and gentlemen, you'll be thrilled to know that President Trump's border wall is back in the news because while speaking to the Hispanic caucus in Washington yesterday,



Chief of Staff John Kelly told lawmakers that when Trump promised voters a Mexican border wall during his campaign, he had not been, quote, fully informed. Now, to be fair, not fully informed could describe literally any statement Trump has made since 2003."

**James Corden:** "After his doctor earlier this week said that he would recommend Trump exercise more, the President said yesterday that he gets, quote, more exercise than people think. Does he? I am not sure backpedaling on campaign promises counts as exercise."

**Trevor Noah:** "The United States government could shut down tomorrow, and Trump probably wants a shutdown the same way the kid hopes for a snow day so they don't have to go to school."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "The big story today was that Congress had just one day left to prevent a government shutdown. But don't worry, it will only affect nonessential government employees like park rangers, museum guides, and the President. So that will be fine."

**Jimmy Fallon:** [Referring to President Trump's Fake News Awards] "I guess Congress had 24 hours to pass a short-term spending bill if they want to avoid a shutdown. Trump told them to do their jobs, then went back to announcing the winners of a made-up awards show."

**Conan O'Brien:** "President Trump is now claiming his approval rating among black Americans has doubled. In other words, Ben Carson voted twice."

**Conan O'Brien:** "North Korea announcing it will send a group of citizens called the cheering squad to next month's Winter Olympics. Very nice. And all of them are expected to actually compete in a new event called the 400-meter defection."

**Jordan Klepper:** [Referring to Chief of Staff John Kelly's comment about the border wall] "Trump's wall isn't the product of evolution. It was intelligently designed by a very stable creator. [President Trump] bionically tweeted, 'The wall is the wall. It has never changed or evolved from the first day I conceived of it.' That is why I am declaring today's enemy evolution."

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## LEADING THE NEWS

**House Passes Short-Term Spending Bill, But Senate Remains At An Impasse.** This morning, there is extensive

television, print and online coverage of news that the House has passed a short-term spending bill, sending the measure to the Senate, where its fate remains uncertain. Outlets concur that a government shutdown is imminent if the Senate



fails to follow suit by midnight, and that this will also impact funding for CHIP.

The New York Times (1/18, Kaplan, Stolberg, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports that on Thursday night, the House “approved a stopgap spending bill...to keep the government open past Friday, but Senate Democrats – angered by President Trump’s vulgar aspersions and a lack of progress on a broader budget and immigration deal – appeared ready to block the measure.” The measure passed by a vote of 230 to 197. However, it remains to be seen if the Senate will also pass the bill and avoid a shutdown by midnight on Friday. The article says at least 12 Senate Democrats would have to vote for the measure and “there was little chance” that would happen. The piece adds that the legislation would also provide CHIP funding for six years, and “delay or suspend” several ACA taxes.

The Washington Post (1/18, Debonis, O’Keefe, Werner, 11.19M) reports that despite House passage, “the possibility of a federal shutdown moved closer to a certainty after Senate Democrats rallied against the GOP proposal, announcing they would not lend their votes to a bill that did not reflect their priorities on immigration, government spending and other issues.” The measure would need 60 votes to pass in the upper chamber, and nine Senate Democrats who voted in favor of a temporary funding bill in December declared that they were opposed to this one.

USA Today (1/18, Shesgreen, Collins, 8.23M) reports that Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said on the Senate floor, “The CR leaves out so many priorities that the American people want and demand. Opioids. Veterans. Pensions. It doesn’t resolve the fate of the Dreamers. It doesn’t include an increase in military funding that members from both sides of the aisle would support.” Schumer suggested that “a bipartisan deal was within reach.” But President Trump “complicated matters” Thursday morning when he tweeted, “CHIP should be part of a long term solution, not a 30 Day, or short term, extension!”

On its front page, the Wall Street Journal (1/19, A1, Andrews, Peterson, Hughes, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that the possibility of a shutdown increased on Thursday as Senate Democrats expressed opposition to the short-term spending bill which the House passed.

Democrats contend the measure fails to address several crucial issues.

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, Mascaro, 5.51M) also reports that the four-week, stopgap spending bill “was headed for probable defeat in the Senate amid opposition from most Democrats and a few Republicans.” This “setback sends the White House and congressional leaders back to the negotiating table in a frantic search for a compromise.” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) “criticized Democrats for playing politics with the nation’s stability and security,” and accused them of “putting the needs of the young immigrants ahead the rest of the country.” In turn, Schumer “blamed Republicans’ internal divisions and a lack of leadership from the White House, particularly amid the president’s shifting views in immigration talks.”

The AP (1/19, Fram, Taylor) reports that in light of the impasse in the Senate, there is “little hope for negotiators searching for a way to avoid shuttering federal offices and keeping thousands of employees home from work.” However, “Senate Democrats appeared ready to take the risk of shouldering the blame.” The article says Democrats are “emboldened” by their constituents who are urging them “to challenge Trump.”

Similarly, Politico (1/18, Bresnahan, Bade, Everett, 3.22M) reports that “Congress is careening toward the first shutdown in more than four years,” as both parties appear to be at an “intractable impasse” over the bill. The article says “it’s unclear what, if anything, can clear” the Senate’s “supermajority threshold,” given that the chamber could not even agree to vote on the matter on Thursday night. Politico adds, “The end game appears to be either a much shorter extension of government funding and rapid negotiations – or a shutdown and finger-pointing.”

Likewise, the Washington Times (1/18, Miller, Sherfinski, 505K) reports, “Senate passage is far from guaranteed, with both Democrats and a smattering of Republicans saying they can’t stomach another stopgap spending bill without including an amnesty for illegal immigrant Dreamers.” The article says Senate Democrats “gave a long list of things they wanted to see in the continuing resolution,” most importantly, “an immigration deal, but they also wanted a pension bailout for some union workers, a different version of” CHIP, “and a boost in funding for domestic needs.”



The Hill (1/18, Sullivan, 1.99M) reports on President Trump's tweet ahead of the House vote. The article says GOP lawmakers "were quick to say that Trump's tweet was not a problem even as they sought to correct the president." Later in the day, White House spokesman Raj Shah attempted to clarify Trump's position, saying, "The President supports the continuing resolution introduced in the House." The piece adds that McConnell did not mention Trump's tweet during his floor remarks, but kept "up the pressure on Democrats to support the spending bill because it funds CHIP." Schumer responded that it was "outrageous" to claim Democrats do not support CHIP.

On its website, CNBC (1/18, Pramuk, 3.1M) reports that Trump's comments about CHIP could "influence some Republicans' votes on the proposal – or give some Democrats cover not to back the bill." The article adds that Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-TX) "said it may not have been 'clear' to Trump that CHIP would get reauthorized for six years under the short-term spending bill, according to NBC News."

CNN (1/18, Merica, Klein, 31.91M) reports on its website that Trump's tweet "threw negotiations over how to fund the government into chaos as a Friday deadline looms." The piece adds that Republicans, including some Trump Administration officials, "had planned to use funding for children's health care program to woo Democratic votes for the short-term spending bill."

Also covering the story are: ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 2, 2:45, Muir, 14.63M), the CBS Evening News (1/18, story 2, 2:20, Glor, 11.17M), NBC Nightly News (1/18, lead story, 2:25, Guthrie, 16.61M), Reuters (1/19, Cowan, Becker), Bloomberg News (1/18, Edgerton, 3.31M), The Hill (1/18, Marcos, 1.99M), the Washington Times (1/18, Miller, 505K), the Washington Examiner (1/18, Giaritelli, 442K), the Daily Intelligencer (NY) (1/18, Kilgore, 882K), Roll Call (DC) (1/18, Bennett, 149K), U.S. News & World Report (1/18, Levy, 1.88M), a second Washington Examiner (1/18, Leonard, 442K) article, a third Washington Examiner (1/18, Quinn, 442K) article, and a fourth Washington Examiner (1/18, King, 442K) article.

***NYTimes Urges Congress To Take Action To Avert Shutdown.*** In an editorial, the New York Times (1/18, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) calls a shutdown "calamitous evidence of bipartisan dysfunction, and, in this case, chaotic

and cruel directives from the White House." The Times urges Congress to "send the president a credible budget and demand that he sign it." The paper adds that GOP lawmakers are attempting "to buy Democratic votes by attaching a six-year extension of" CHIP, but to date, "the ploy hasn't worked. Thus the impasse."

***Trump Accused Of Sabotaging GOP Efforts To Garner Democratic Support For Funding Bill.*** Aaron Blake writes in the Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) "The Fix" blog that after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) urged President Trump to support the short-term funding bill, Trump tweeted on Thursday morning, "CHIP should be part of a long term solution, not a 30 Day, or short term, extension!" Blake says GOP lawmakers "are clearly trying to use CHIP as leverage to pass the bill," and Trump's tweet "complicates the GOP's strategy for winning vital Democratic support for" the measure.

***Congress Urged To Renew CHIP Funding.*** Heather Long writes in the Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) "Wonkblog" that parents of the nine million children covered by CHIP "are panicking because funding for the program has nearly run out." She says GOP lawmakers "thought they had a grand solution: They pitched Democrats a deal to do a one-month extension of overall government funding and a six-year extension of CHIP money." However, "President Trump tweeted Thursday morning that was a bad idea." Long says if CHIP is not renewed this week, there could be "dire consequences for kids."

***Republicans Accused Of Using CHIP Funding As A Bargaining Tool.*** Dylan Scott writes in a Vox (1/18, 1.59M) piece that CHIP is going through "an unprecedented crisis: More than 100 days ago, funding for a program that covers 9 million kids technically expired," and congressional Republicans "haven't rushed to extend it long-term – not until they could get something in return." He says Republicans "attached a six-year CHIP extension to their short-term spending bill in an attempt to deter Democrats from shutting down the federal government this week over the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which the two parties still haven't agree on how to fix." In the meantime, families "have been left to live in fear that their children's health insurance could be taken away – and losing faith in CHIP for the long term."



***Some Nine Million Children Could Lose Coverage If CHIP Funding Is Not Renewed.***

The Huffington Post (1/18, Young, 5.19M) reports that health coverage “for 9 million kids could disappear as soon as Friday because the majority-Republican Congress can’t get out of its own way.” The article says Friday is “the last day that federal authorities can guarantee they will be able to send money to the states, which jointly run the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) with the federal government, to keep it alive.” The piece adds that “congressional GOP leaders decided to add CHIP, which covers low-income children, to the short-term funding bill as a way to pressure congressional Democrats to vote for it.” Instead, Senate Democrats are refusing to vote for the measure because it does not include a deal for Dreamers.

***Pelosi Says Congress Should Have Extended CHIP Funding In September.*** The Washington Examiner (1/18, Weaver, 442K) reports that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) “downplayed the inclusion of the Children’s Health Insurance Program in the Republican spending plan.” She said, “This is like giving you a bowl of doggy-doo, put a cherry on top and call it a chocolate sundae. This is nothing.” The article adds that Pelosi “argued CHIP funding should have been taken care of in September and been extended for 10 years.”

***HHS Launches Conscience And Religious Freedom Division.***

The Washington Post (1/18, A1, Cha, Eilperin, 11.19M) reports that the Trump Administration announced Thursday a new civil rights division within the Department of Health and Human Services to “protect health-care workers who refuse to provide services that run counter to their moral or religious convictions.” The office will review complaints by physicians, nurses, or other healthcare workers “who feel they have been pressured by employers to ‘perform, accommodate or assist with’ procedures that violate their beliefs,” and, if such a complain is found valid, “an entity receiving federal dollars could have that funding revoked.” HHS Acting Secretary Eric Hargan said, “For too long, too many of these health-care practitioners have been bullied and discriminated against.”

USA Today (1/18, O'Donnell, 8.23M) reports that the new federal office on “Conscience and Religious Freedom” would support healthcare

workers “in their opposition to performing abortions, euthanasia or procedures on transgender people.” The article quotes Hargan saying, “The Founding Fathers knew that a nation that respects conscience rights is more diverse and more free, and OCR’s new division will help make that vision a reality.” The director of the Office of Civil Rights Roger Severino added, “Laws protecting religious freedom and conscience rights are just empty words on paper if they aren’t enforced. ... No one should be forced to choose between helping sick people and living by one’s deepest moral or religious convictions, and the new division will help guarantee that victims of unlawful discrimination find justice.”

The New York Times (1/18, Pear, Peters, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports that religious conservatives praised the action to “address long-held concerns that religious people could be forced to comply with laws and regulations that violate their religious beliefs.” Severino added that since President Trump was inaugurated, his office had received 34 complaints of violations of the conscience rights of healthcare providers, when between 2008 and October 2016, there were only 10. Hargan argued that religious people will no longer be “bullied by the federal government because of their religious beliefs.” The Times observes, “Outside the religious conservative movement, the recent moves have won little applause.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Armour, Radnofsky, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that HHS sent the proposal for the new division to the White House Friday. The Journal also reports that the division will engage in enforcement, policy, and outreach directed at helping healthcare practitioners with moral and religious objections.

The AP (1/18, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports that Acting Secretary Hargan “painted a picture of clinicians under government coercion to violate the dictates of conscience” in his remarks. He said to the audience, “The federal government and state governments have hounded religious hospitals and the men and women who staff them, forcing them to provide or refer for services that violate their consciences, when they only wish to serve according to their religious beliefs.”

ABC News (1/18, McGraw, 4.65M) reports that House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) “slammed the Obama administration’s Office of Civil Rights,” and said, “In the past this office



sent the message, now is not the time for freedom, it is time for you to conform. What a different [sic] one year makes.” ABC quotes Hargan as saying, “President Trump promised the American people that his administration would vigorously uphold the rights of conscience and religious freedom,” adding, “That promise is being kept today.”

***Democratic Lawmakers Say New Office Puts Ideology, Politics Ahead Of Medical Care.***

The Washington Times (1/18, Howell, 505K) reports Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) responded to the move in saying, “This would be yet another attempt to let ideology dictate who is able to get the care they need.” She added, “Any approach that would deny or delay health care to someone and jeopardize their well-being for ideological reasons is unacceptable.”

Congressional Quarterly (1/18, Raman, Subscription Publication) reports that Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Louise Slaughter (D-NY), leaders of the “Pro-Choice Caucus,” issued a statement which said: “This is a political attempt to put patients’ health at risk in clear violation of medical duty. A provider’s personal beliefs should never determine the care a patient receives. ... Such practices put personal beliefs over patients’ needs and could result in infertility, infection and even death.”

The Washington Examiner (1/18, Higgins, 442K) reports Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) said that the Trump Administration is trying to “legalize discrimination.” Scott explained Thursday, “This announcement must be examined as part of the administration’s broader pattern of promoting discrimination,” adding, “To be clear – this effort does not represent religious liberty; it is government-sanctioned discrimination.”

***New Division Expected To Raise Legal, Ethical Questions.*** Reuters (1/18, Clarke) reports that “as the division seeks to back exemptions, it is likely to face legal and ethical challenges.” Alta Charo, a professor of law and bioethics at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, argues that medical professionals take an oath to serve the sick, adding, “When the director of the office of civil rights is quoted as saying that ‘No physician should have to choose between helping a sick person or following their personal conscience,’ the director is simply wrong. That choice was made the moment they became physicians.” Reuters mentions that the American

Medical Association “declined to comment on the policy because it has not seen a written proposal.”

Bloomberg News (1/18, Levingston, 3.31M) reports that both the American Medical Association and the American Nurses Association “say in their ethical codes that health-care providers shouldn’t discriminate against patients based on characteristics like gender identity, sexual orientation or race.” The AMA says in its codes, “Freedom to act according to conscience is not unlimited,” and suggests that physicians who decline to treat a patient should then help the patients find someone who will.

The Hill (1/18, Hellmann, 1.99M) reports that the American Civil Liberties Union announced it will take legal action. Its deputy legal director Louise Melling said, “Denying patients health care is not liberty. ... Should the administration choose to move forward to implement a discriminatory policy, we will see them in court.”

The Atlantic (1/18, Green, 1.74M) reports that the “initiative doesn’t change the law,” but “it strongly signals the focus of the department’s Office of Civil Rights” and “seems to be targeted at a particular set of issues: those that deal with the beginning and end of life.”

NPR (1/18, Kodjak, 2.49M) reports that the launching of the division “reverses an Obama-era policy that barred health care workers from refusing to treat transgender individuals or people who have had or are seeking abortions.”

Modern Healthcare (1/18, Dickson, Subscription Publication, 233K) reports that some physicians expressed concern for their LGBT patients and pointed to research that “shows people who identify as LGBT face significant healthcare disparities due to stigma and lack of provider awareness and sensitivity.”

Also reporting are separate articles in the Washington Post (1/18, Bailey, 11.19M) and the Washington Examiner (1/18, King, 442K), CNBC (1/18, Ernst, 3.1M), Newsweek (1/18, Guarneri, 1.5M), Fierce Healthcare (1/18, Finnegan, 146K), and Vox (1/18, Kirby, 1.59M).

## **THE SECRETARY IN THE NEWS**

### **Senate Democrats Say Medicaid Work Requirements May Not Be Legal.**

The AP (1/18, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports that on Thursday, 29 senators said the Trump Administration’s policy change which allows states to impose Medicaid work requirements “is legally



questionable.” The article adds that they framed “an argument likely to be aired in court.” The lawmakers made the comments in a letter to Acting HHS Secretary Eric Hargan. The letter says “work requirements ‘contradict the plain text and purpose’ of the Medicaid statute, as well as ‘Congress’s longstanding intent for the Medicaid program.’”

Congressional Quarterly (1/18, Williams, Subscription Publication) reports that the senators, led by Senate Finance Committee ranking member Ron Wyden (D-OR), told Hargan, “Ultimately, this leads to poorer health and more frequent use of the emergency room, all of which ends up costing the system and taxpayers more in the long run. ... Such harmful proposals clearly undermine the purpose of the Medicaid Act, prioritizing ideology over health.”

### **Opinion: Azar Will Bring Unneeded Pain To Nurses.**

Nurse Alliance of the Service Employees International Union delegates Sasha Cuttler, Patricia Greenberg and Rita Lewis write for The Hill (1/18, 1.99M) that they “didn’t think Trump could do worse than Tom Price” for Health and Human Services Secretary, but a “greater risk looms” with Alex Azar, whom they argue is “part of the problem” of the opioid crisis and “price-gouging by Big Pharma and insurance companies.” Azar’s history, they argue, “suggests he will not make health care better, but will cause unneeded pain to our communities.”

## **HHS IN THE NEWS**

### **Flu Victims’ Families Warn About Severity Of Virus.**

Fox News (1/18, Earl, 15.47M) reports that the deaths of otherwise healthy and active people have led their families and experts to encourage others to seek vaccinations, emphasizing that whether “you run marathons or play sports, when it comes to the flu, no one is completely immune.” The deaths of flu victims such as 12-year-old Alyssa Alcaraz, 10-year-old athlete Nico Mallozzi, and 21-year-old personal trainer Kyler Baughman underscore the indiscriminate spread of the flu this season. The article says the CDC recently reported the flu “is now widespread in every state except Hawaii and it has claimed the lives of at least 20 children,” while CDC epidemiologist Lynnette Brammer, who leads the CDC’s Domestic Influenza Surveillance Team, said “we hear every year of people that

were previously healthy and active and they get influenza and die and for reasons we don’t understand.”

### **Overburdened By Flu Season, Hospitals Forced To Use Innovative Treatment Options.**

TIME (1/18, MacMillan, 5.5M) reports some hospitals are so burdened by efforts to treat flu patients this season that many “are responding with extraordinary measures: asking staff to work overtime, setting up triage tents, restricting friends and family visits and canceling elective surgeries, to name a few.” In California, for example, some hospitals have erected “surge tents” to treat patients; but even then, “emergency departments had standing-room only, and some patients had to be treated in hallways.” The article adds that CDC director Brenda Fitzgerald said last week that the season may be close to peaking, but that “it will take many more weeks for flu activity to truly slow down.”

### **Death Of 10-Year-Old Athlete Due To Flu Spotlights Season’s Severity.**

The Washington Post (1/18, Bever, 11.19M) reports on the recent death of 10-year-old hockey player Nico Mallozzi of New Canaan, Connecticut. His mother said “he was like an ox” in that he had never been sick, which made it all the more shocking when he contracted the flu and his condition worsened to the point that he was hospitalized twice. After being “rushed to another New York hospital,” Mallozzi “was confirmed dead before the end of the day” on Sunday. A medical examiner said Nico died of sepsis due to pneumonia, a complication of the flu. The Post says the flu is widespread this year, and quotes CDC influenza division director Dr. Daniel Jernigan as saying, “Flu is everywhere in the United States right now. ... There’s lots of flu in lots of places.” The piece also quotes Brendan Flannery, an epidemiologist with the CDC’s influenza division, as saying this season demonstrates “the flu can be fatal” and the many deaths the virus has caused “reinforce the need to prevent the flu.”

### **South Carolina Counts 24 Flu Deaths This Season.**

The Greenville (SC) News (1/18, Osby, 175K) reports South Carolina has recorded 24 flu deaths this season. The state saw seven deaths due to the flu at this time last season. The article quotes CDC director Dr.



Brenda Fitzgerald as saying the flu viruses in circulation this year “are often linked to more severe illness, especially among children and people age 65 and older.” She added, “While our flu vaccines are far from perfect...they are the best way to prevent getting sick from the flu and it is not too late to get one.” CDC influenza division director Dr. Dan Jernigan also is quoted as saying, “CDC recommends that people who are very sick or people with flu symptoms who are high-risk for serious flu complications should be treated as soon as possible with flu antiviral drugs.”

### **Percentage Of Young Adult Women Who Filled Prescriptions For AD/HD Medications Has Increased More Than Fivefold Since 2003, CDC Reports.**

The New York Times (1/18, Carey, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports, “The percentage of young adult women who filled prescriptions for” medications to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) “has increased more than fivefold since 2003, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.” The study’s findings raise “concerns specific to women, according to Coleen Boyle, director of the CDC’s National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.” Boyle stated, “Half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, and women may be taking prescription medicine early in pregnancy before they know they are pregnant.”

According to USA Today (1/18, Weintraub, 8.23M), “the report does not explain why the number rose so much, but experts in the field note that the public’s understanding of” AD/HD “has been transformed since the early 2000s.”

HealthDay (1/18, Preidt, 7K) reports that “the exact effects on the fetus of” AD/HD medications are currently unknown. In a news release, Boyle added, “We need to better understand the safest ways to treat” AD/HD “before and during pregnancy.” The findings were published Jan. 18 in the CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Also covering the study is the Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/18, Olson, 1.17M).

### **Fitzgerald Has Not Testified Before Congress In Seven Months Due To Unresolved Conflicts.**

Politico (1/18, Haberkorn, Ehley, 3.22M) reports CDC Director Brenda Fitzgerald “is unable to speak before

Congress about much of what her agency is doing” because financial conflicts of interest still remain unresolved “after seven months on the job.” Politico reports Fitzgerald’s recusals on “key issues,” including cancer detection and aspects of the opioid crisis, “have hindered her ability to lead and openly address some of the most important health concerns facing the country,” because she and her husband have “more than \$300,000 in investments in GW Ventures and Greenway Messenger, both deemed conflicts of interest.” Fitzgerald faces pressure from both parties to unload the holdings, the article says.

### **Op-Ed: Now Is The Time To Prepare For Zika.**

Dr. Gary Brunette, chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Travelers’ Health Branch, writes in an op-ed in the Orlando (FL) Sentinel (1/18, 693K) that as people make preparations for the new year, “now is the time to prevent Zika,” particularly for pregnant women. Dr. Brunette explains the CDC considers Zika “a major public health concern in many parts of the world” and “recommends that U.S. travelers who are planning to visit Latin America or the Caribbean take action now to prevent contracting or spreading Zika.”

### **CDC’s Data Sharing System Halted In Arizona Due To Technical Error.**

The Arizona Republic (1/18, Alltucker, 1.03M) reports Arizona is unable to access “a key public health surveillance tool used to track deaths caused by diseases circulating in the community” due to a “technical error in how the state reports death records to” the CDC. Arizona sends “updates on death records to the CDC, which returns the data”; but since October – when Arizona launched the “birth and death records database called the Database Application for Vital Events, or DAVE,” which sends information to the CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics – the state has not had access to the data. Dr. Cara Christ, director of the Health Services Department, explained that the CDC “is getting a couple of Arizona-specific reports that they don’t need, and we are trying to remove them” by February.

### **FDA Poised To Launch Unprecedented Anti-Smoking Plan.**

The AP (1/19, Perrone) reports on the “unprecedented anti-smoking plan” being prepared by the US Food and Drug Administration



which would “drastically cut nicotine levels in cigarettes so that they are essentially non-addictive,” and then clear a path for “lower-risk products” – such as e-cigarettes – “that deliver nicotine without the deadly effects of traditional cigarettes.” The FDA may begin the process of controlling nicotine levels as soon as this month, and “next week, the agency will hold a public meeting on a closely watched cigarette alternative from Philip Morris International, which, if granted FDA clearance, could launch as early as February.” FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb explained that both pieces of the plan have to progress together, saying, “I’m not going to advance this in a piecemeal fashion.”

**FDA Planning More Restrictive Policy For Bulk Drug Compounding, Gottlieb Says.** Reuters (1/18, Raymond) reports “FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said the agency in March will issue draft guidance with new criteria for determining what substances can be used to produce drugs in bulk for hospitals and doctors’ offices without individual patient prescriptions.” He told Reuters, “Ultimately, there’s no question that the framework we will be laying out will place more restrictions on what they can do.” Additional, Gottlieb said the agency is “preparing a new policy to give state boards of pharmacy more flexibility to oversee compounding pharmacies that ship drugs interstate and is still working on guidance to encourage more pharmacies to register with the FDA.”

**Vice President Pushing For Right-To-Try Legislation.** STAT (1/18, Mershon, 56K) reports that earlier this week, Vice President Mike Pence met with FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb to discuss right-to-try legislation, which Pence supports. The article reports that the Senate passed a right-to-try bill last year, but efforts to pass the bill have stalled in the House in part because of concerns raised by Gottlieb.

**FDA To Post Recall Notices More Quickly.** The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (1/18, Bowling, 315K) reports that the Food and Drug Administration will post recall notices sooner to “alert consumers to problems with a product” while the agency “is still analyzing the risk the product poses, according to the agency’s blog.” According to Douglas Stearn, the Director of the FDA’s Office of Enforcement and Import Operations, the

FDA has added a “not-yet-classified” category to its weekly Enforcement Report.

**FDA Commits To Making US Market A Top Priority For Novel Device Developers By The End Of 2020.** Fierce Biotech (1/18, Taylor) reports that the Food and Drug Administration “has committed to making the U.S. market a top priority for most developers of novel devices by the end of 2020.” The agency’s 2018-2020 strategy document says, “By Dec. 31, 2020, more than 50% of manufacturers of novel technologies for the U.S. market intend to bring their devices to the U.S. first or in parallel with other major markets.” According to the article, this “wording” is significant because “rather than commit to being the first choice market for more than 50% of medical device developers by a certain date, the FDA has limited its task to ensuring that companies ‘intend’ to prioritize the U.S.,” reflecting “it will take time for the FDA’s actions to change R&D priorities.”

**Opinion: FDA Should Disclose More Information On Decisions To Decline Approval Of Drugs.** In an opinion piece for Bloomberg News (1/18, 3.31M), Max Nisen writes that “at an absolute minimum, the FDA should work toward releasing a summary of the reasoning behind each of its CRLs and any proposed remedies,” although “broad release of letters would be ideal.” Nisen concludes, “Even a modest shift from the current system – where companies aggressively massage the truth and valuable information is kept under wraps – would be a major improvement.”

**Science Advice Panels Have Fewer Members And Meet Less Often Under President Trump.** Science Magazine (1/18, Brainard, 440K) reports that since President Trump took office, “expert panels that provide key federal agencies with science advice have had fewer members and met less often than at any time since 1997, when the government started tracking such numbers, a new analysis concludes.” The Union of Concerned Scientists’ Center for Science and Democracy conducted the analysis by reviewing the membership and activity of 73 expert panels that advise five agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. Also covering aspects of the story are The Hill



(1/18, Green, 1.99M) and Newsweek (1/18, Guarnieri, 1.5M).

### **Noninvasive Blood Test May Detect Signs Of Eight Types Of Cancer Before Any Symptoms Arise, Researchers Say.**

In "Science Now," the Los Angeles Times (1/18, Netburn, 5.51M) reports that researchers "have developed a noninvasive blood test that can detect signs of eight types of cancer long before any symptoms of the disease arise."

The NPR (1/18, Harris, 2.49M) "Shots" blog reports that the "experimental test, dubbed CancerSEEK, focuses on eight major cancers: lung, breast, colon, pancreas, liver, stomach, ovary and esophagus."

Newsweek (1/18, Sheridan, 1.5M) reports that in a study, "which screened over 1,000 patients known to have cancer and 815 people presumed to be healthy," researchers "found that the test could accurately detect cancer when it existed about 70 percent of the time and accurately did not detect cancer more than 99 percent of the time." Meanwhile, "the test also gave" physicians "clues about where to look for a tumor in about 83 percent of the cases used." The findings were published in Science. Dr. Mark Roschewski, a lymphoma researcher at the National Cancer Institute's Center for Cancer Research, said, "In solid tumors, earlier detection is actually the key. The earlier that one could detect a patient with a tumor, the more likely that the intervention would succeed because the intervention is surgery." Dr. Roschewski was not involved in the research.

The AP (1/18, Marchione) reports, however, that "the test is nowhere near ready for use yet; it needs to be validated in a larger study already underway in a general population, rather than cancer patients, to see if it truly works and helps save lives." The AP adds, "The work was financed by many foundations, the Mayo Clinic, the National Institutes of Health and Howard Hughes Medical Institute."

### **Risk Of Endometrial, Ovarian Cancers May Be Lower Among Women Who Use Oral Contraceptives, Research Suggests.**

TIME (1/18, Park, 5.5M) reports that research published in JAMA Oncology indicated "the risk of endometrial and ovarian cancers were lower among women who used" oral contraceptives. The study also "found that the

longer women were on oral contraceptives, the lower their risk was." The data indicated that "for those taking the pill for 10 years or more, the risk of ovarian cancer was 40% lower compared to women who had never used the pill or used them for less than a year, and 34% lower for endometrial cancer." Britton Trabert, the study's senior author and epidemiologist from the division of cancer epidemiology and genetics at the National Cancer Institute, said, "We found long-term oral contraceptive use reduced ovarian cancer risk universally – it didn't matter how healthy you were later in life or if you had a family history of the disease; all women experienced the benefit." Meanwhile, Kara Michels, the study's lead author and a postdoctoral fellow at NCI, said, "Our study indicates that for women with different underlying cancer risks when they are older, their earlier oral contraceptive use is likely still beneficial for cancer prevention."

HealthDay (1/18, Mundell, 7K) reports, however, that "long-term use of the pill appeared to have no effect on a woman's odds for either breast or colon cancers."

### **Government Shutdown Could Have A Negative Impact On Science.**

The AP (1/18, Kellman) reports, "A government shutdown would be disruptive to research and morale at the National Institutes of Health but would not adversely affect patients already in medical studies, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the agency's infectious disease chief said Thursday." He is quoted as saying, "We still take care of them. ... You never want to put patients in any jeopardy."

Nature (1/18, Morello, 197K) outlines how a government shutdown could have a negative impact on science by forcing different government agencies to put employees on leave. The article says that during a shutdown, many researchers at the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration would be put on leave, and that new patients could not be admitted for treatment by the NIH unless NIH Director Francis Collins deemed it medically necessary.

### **"War On Science" Is A Misnomer.**

In a greater than 2,400-word article, BuzzFeed (1/18, Aldhous, 7.21M) reports that while some have accused the Trump Administration of waging a "war on science," many experts dispute that notion. The article reports that while President Trump has proposed cutting funding for scientific research and taken other actions that could harm



scientific research, he has also supported scientific research and kept NIH Director Francis Collins in his position, so the phrase “war on science” is not accurate.

### **House Committee Wants Answers On Efforts To Curb Sexual Harassment At Universities That Receive Science Grants.**

BuzzFeed (1/18, Ghorayshi, 7.21M) reports that on Thursday, the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology sent a letter asking the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) “to conduct an investigation of what federal agencies that fund science are doing about sexual harassment.” The letter aims to “bring more accountability to universities, which draw a substantial amount of research funding from federal programs, but are incentivized to keep sexual harassment investigations a secret.” The article mentions that the National Institutes of Health gives \$16.6 billion to universities and colleges; and the National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, US Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and NASA all contribute more than \$1 billion.

### **Success Of AI In Healthcare Depends On Quality Data, Report Says.**

Fierce Healthcare (1/18, Sweeney, 146K) reports, “The healthcare industry is primed for artificial intelligence to reshape the delivery of medical care,” however, the value of the technology is contingent on access to quality data, “according to a...report (PDF) commissioned by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).” Officials from the AHRQ and ONC said that they plan to work with the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health to find ways that AI could improve healthcare and research.

### **Federal Officials Delay Changes To Rules Over Medical Research On Human Subjects.**

STAT (1/18, Thielking, 56K) reports that the Department of Health and Human Services and 15 other agencies “are delaying changes to the policy that governs medical research on human subjects, just days before the changes were set to go into effect.” The changes to the so-called Common Rule, “a federal policy that lays out the requirements for running

research that involves human subjects,” were set to be implemented beginning January 19.

### **HHS’ Kadlec Says Agency Needs More Funding For Public Health Emergency Preparedness.**

Fierce Healthcare (1/18, 146K) reports that at Wednesday’s Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee hearing Department of Health and Human Services assistant secretary Robert Kadlec said that the agency “can’t do more things with limited resources” in the event of a public health emergency. The article reports the Infectious Disease Society of America urged legislators to “bolster public health responses that the hearing represents,” while recent public health crises “prove that there is more work to be done, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said in his testimony.” The piece says ranking Democrat Sen. Patty Murray (WA) “did express concern that Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Brenda Fitzgerald was unable to attend” because of “conflicts of interest related to her investments.”

### **HHS Delays Common Rule Implementation By Six Months.**

Fierce Healthcare (1/18, Sweeney, 146K) reports that the Department of Health and Human Services, along with 15 other federal agencies, “has issued a six-month delay to an Obama-era rule that provides health informatics researchers with greater access to EHR and patient-reported data.” The article says the notice “left open the possibility the rule could be delayed past July, noting that federal agencies are ‘in the process of developing a proposed rule to further delay implementation of the 2018 Requirements.’” The move “came as a relief to the American Medical Informatics Association,” which advocated for a delay, the piece says.

### **CMS’ Verma To Focus On Reducing Hospital Regulations.**

Congressional Quarterly (1/18, Clason, Subscription Publication) reports that CMS Administrator Seema Verma wants to “reduce oversight and provide more flexibility to the hospital industry.” Verma said Wednesday, according to the article, that CMS “will focus on reducing data reporting and reining in qualifying conditions for hospitals seeking to participate in Medicare, which are two of the industry’s top requests.” Verma explained that the



current quality reporting metrics are not effective and the burden on hospitals to compile data is too great, and concluded, "That is simply not where we should be" on quality reporting.

### **CMS' Verma Forming Interagency Group To Review Stark Law.**

In continuing coverage, Fierce Healthcare (1/18, Minemyer, 146K) reports that CMS will put together an interagency group "to take a look at the regulatory barriers posed by federal antikickback laws as part of its efforts to re-examine existing regulations." CMS Administrator Seema Verma said in a townhall Wednesday that some of the most common comments the agency received when it asked for "information from providers on the regulatory hurdles they find most burdensome" related to the Stark Law. Verma said, "I think the Stark law was developed a long time ago, and given where we're going in terms of modernizing [Medicare] and the payment systems we are now operating under, we need to bring along some of those regulations."

### **CMS' Verma Plans To Prioritize Health IT Innovation, Regulatory Relief.**

EHR Intelligence (1/18, Monica) reports that CMS Administrator Seema Verma plans to "prioritize health IT innovation and regulatory relief for clinical documentation" this year. Verma discussed the Patients Over Paperwork initiative, saying, "CMS puts out 11,000 pages of regulations every year. I'm not sure how the healthcare system has been dealing with this over the years but we are dedicated to trying to address that issue." She also discussed modernizing Medicare for future generations, asking, "How can we prepare and how can we give them the tools that they're going to expect – they're going to expect more of an Amazon experience," adding, "Our focus is going to be on both modernizing the Medicare and the Medicaid program."

### **Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital Closing Before State Can Shut It Down.**

The Dallas Morning News (1/18, Ambrose, 1.06M) reports the Timberlawn psychiatric hospital "says it is voluntarily closing its doors, just a week after state officials threatened to shut down the century-old treatment center because it was too dangerous for patients." The Morning News reports "it's unclear exactly when

the last patient will leave Timberlawn." CEO James Miller "told federal health officials that the hospital will close on Feb. 1, or as soon after that as possible, said Bob Moos, a Dallas spokesman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services."

### **Former CMS Official Criticizes Move To Allow States To Impose Medicaid Work Requirements.**

Vikki Wachino, former deputy administrator and director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at CMS, writes in an op-ed for The Hill (1/18, 1.99M) that last week, the Trump Administration kept its vow "to reverse longstanding Medicaid policy" when CMS Administrator Seema Verma announced that the agency would allow states to impose Medicaid work requirements. Wachino argues, "This policy turns Medicaid's long standing role in supporting employment of low-income people on its head." She adds that this means "Medicaid is no longer a helping hand extended to people who seek financial independence. It is the rug that gets pulled out from beneath the feet of the person who may be getting ready to look for a job."

### **ONC To Release Proposed Interoperability Rule In April.**

Modern Healthcare (1/18, Arndt, Subscription Publication, 233K) reports the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology "will release a proposed rule about interoperability and certification in April." The proposed rule "would update the HITECH Act and meet some provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act," including "details about certification for health IT developers, according to ONC's director of policy, Elise Sweeney Anthony" at the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee's first meeting Thursday. ONC members "also laid out plans for boosting interoperability" and achieving some 21st Century Cures Act goals, the article says.

### **Massachusetts' Congressional Delegation Seeking More Mental Health Options For Puerto Ricans.**

The AP (1/19) reports Massachusetts' Democratic congressional delegation "is pressing federal officials on efforts to address mental health challenges in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands following Hurricanes Irma and Maria." The 11 members co-signed a letter Friday to Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use



Elinore McCance-Katz to explain that hurricanes “can trigger emotional distress” and that there is just one suicide prevention hotline in Puerto Rico. The letter asks “what services the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provided after the disasters and what additional federal resources are needed in both regions.”

## **HEALTH REFORM**

### **WPost Editorial Blames Trump, Administration For Three Million More Uninsured Consumers.**

The Hill (1/18, Manchester, 1.99M) reports that a Washington Post editorial published on Thursday “ripped into President Trump...blaming him for 3 million more people losing health insurance during his time in office.” The paper “points to the ‘hostile steps’ taken by the administration and Republicans to dismantle ObamaCare, including the president’s ‘negative rhetoric and rules changes,’ that could have prevented Americans from enrolling, the shortening of the ObamaCare enrollment period and the repeal of the individual mandate.”

### **Alexander Calling For Passage Of ACA Stabilization Measures.**

Fierce Healthcare (1/18, Small, 146K) reports Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) “is looking ahead to a potential long-term spending bill – which he hopes will include bipartisan measures to stabilize the Affordable Care Act exchanges.” The article says Alexander “has been pushing his fellow Congress members for months to pass a bill that he crafted alongside Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., which would fund cost-sharing reduction payments for two years and take other steps to shore up the exchanges.”

### **Enrollment On New York’s ACA Online Market Outpaces 2017.**

The Albany (NY) Times Union (1/18, Hughes, 550K) reports that enrollment through NY State of Health, New York’s online health insurance market, “continues to outpace” last year’s totals as the deadline approaches on January 31. State officials said Thursday that about 243,600 New Yorkers have enrolled through the online market so far, which tops the totals from the 2017 season.

### **Blue Cross Of Nebraska’s New CEO Says He’s Unsure If They Will Resume**

**Selling Plans Under ACA.** The Omaha (NE) World-Herald (1/18, Jordon, 526K) reports that Steven Grandfield, the incoming CEO of the state’s largest health insurer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, “said he’s not sure if Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska will resume offering plans under the Affordable Care Act” after stopping last year. He said, “We can’t make promises because we don’t know what the rules are going to be.”

### **Commentary Considers Health Reform.**

Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

Trish Florence, a community organizer with TX21 Indivisible, writes in a Vox (1/18, 1.59M) piece that last week, the Trump Administration announced it would allow states to impose work requirements. Florence, whose two sons have autism, says she is “terrified” by this policy change. She adds that while Texas has not submitted a waiver request to add such requirements, she is “scared it eventually will, given the state’s conservative bent.”

Sally Pipes, president, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute, writes in an op-ed for the Washington Examiner (1/18, 442K) that recently, the Department of Labor proposed a new rule which would allow small businesses and self-employed people to form association health plans, thus providing them with the ability “to sidestep some of Obamacare’s premium-inflating coverage regulations.” Pipes argues that the ACA “has forced many small businesses and sole proprietors to purchase prohibitively expensive, excessively comprehensive health insurance. The AHP rule would give these folks a more affordable option.”

Tom Rogan writes in an op-ed for the Washington Examiner (1/18, 442K) that according to a new study released by the Foundation for Government Accountability, the ACA’s “Medicaid expansion has led to twice as many able-bodied enrollees as originally projected.” Data show “12.7 million able-bodied Americans are now reliant on government provided healthcare.” Rogan argues that the US has two options: “we can recognize that Medicaid should be for the poorest and most needy and pursue reforms to ensure it operates for those individuals,” or “we can prepare for a future of persistent tax increases and socialized government.”



Drew White, Senior Federal Policy Analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, writes in the Washington Examiner (1/19, 442K) that Republicans' statements indicating that they are "turning away from Obamacare repeal is both bad policy and political folly." White calls the repeal of the individual mandate as a "solid win for the rule of law," but one which he says "will have minimal impact in driving down premiums and deductibles."

## **OPIOID NEWS**

**Governors Call On Trump, Congress To Address Opioid Crisis.** The AP (1/18, Mulvihill) reports that governors are calling on the Trump Administration and Congress to provide more money and coordination for fighting the opioid crisis. "The list of more than two dozen recommendations made Thursday by the National Governors Association is the first coordinated, bipartisan response from the nation's governors" since President Trump's October declaration. The governors praised him for pledging to support "states' efforts to pay for drug treatment through Medicaid," but they "also called for more action," the AP reports. A spokesman for the White House Office on National Drug Control Policy said the Administration is committed to addressing the recommendations.

**Trump Again Targets ONDCP, Proposing 95 Percent Budget Cut.** Politico (1/18, Karlin-Smith, Ehley, 3.22M) reports President Trump is planning a second attempt "to slash the budget of the Office of National Drug Control Policy." Multiple sources say the plan "would shift the office's two main grant programs, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas grant and the Drug Free Communities Act, to the Justice and Health and Human Services departments, respectively," resulting in a "reduction of about \$340 million, or 95 percent of the ONDCP's budget," Politico reports. Lawmakers "are expected to push back against the second attempt to alter the office," while "critics question the wisdom of dramatically restructuring federal programs they say are working well," the article says.

**Philadelphia Sues Opioid Makers.** The Daily Caller (1/18, Birr, 696K) reports, in continuing coverage, that Philadelphia Mayor Jim

Kenney announced the lawsuit against pharmaceutical manufacturers Wednesday. The suit accuses "a number of drug makers including Teva Pharmaceuticals, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Endo Pharmaceuticals, and Purdue Pharma, of knowingly downplaying the addiction risks of their painkillers in order to boost sales and maximize profits." The article notes that "fatal drug overdoses are estimated to have topped 1,200 last year," giving Philadelphia "the highest rate of opioid deaths of any U.S. city, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

**Opioid Epidemic Causing Rise In Cocaine Overdose Deaths In Ohio, Nationwide.** The Daily Caller (1/18, Birr, 696K) reports, "The national opioid crisis is causing a significant uptick in cocaine overdose deaths in Ohio due to the increasing prevalence of the deadly synthetic painkiller fentanyl." The article says "fentanyl-laced cocaine killed 88 people in Franklin County in 2017, up from 41 deaths in the previous year," while officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "predict that cocaine overdose deaths are about to explode in 2017 to nearly 11,000" nationwide. The piece notes that the National Institute on Drug Abuse "says the opioid epidemic will continue to deteriorate, predicting drug deaths will exceed 71,000 in 2017."

**Maine Sees Fewer Opioid Prescription Claims Under Law, Report Says.** The AP (1/18, Villeneuve) reports that the Maine Bureau of Insurance released a report this month that "shows doctors in Maine are writing fewer opioid painkiller prescriptions" after a law capped daily dosages and required electronic prescriptions. Opioid prescription claims "dropped by nearly 20 percent, with about 27,700 fewer claims between the first half of 2016 and the same period in 2017," the AP reports. The AP points out that the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "says opioid painkiller prescriptions have dropped overall nationally in recent years after surging since the late '90s and peaking in 2010."

**Opinion Explains A Grassroots Approach To The Opioid Epidemic.** Hamad Husainy, DO, an emergency room physician and a board member of the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Emergency



Physicians, writes in STAT (1/19, 56K) about his experience creating the “ER is for Emergencies” program in Washington state as an effort to fight opioid abuse perpetuated by over-prescribing from multiple providers. Dr. Husainy says that the key pieces of the successful program were: one, “a system that allowed us to share information with all other hospitals in the state,” and, two, “a shared commitment to teamwork and a common goal.” Dr. Husainy concludes, “While no solution can guarantee high-needs patients won’t fall through the cracks, programs like ER is for Emergencies can help us catch many more of them before they’re triaged in the wrong direction.”

## **HEALTHCARE NEWS**

### **Abortion Opponents, Abortion Rights Supporters To Hold Events Today Near Anniversary Of Roe V. Wade.**

The AP (1/18, Crary) reports abortion opponents will hold the March for Life in Washington today, and President Donald Trump is expected to be “the first sitting president to address the gathering, speaking live from the White House Rose Garden.” Meanwhile, abortion rights supporters are planning to hold a counter-protest at the Supreme Court. The article points out that Monday will be the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision in the case Roe v. Wade.

USA Today (1/18, Korte, 8.23M) reports that on Jan. 18, while speaking with anti-abortion activists, Vice President Pence “called Trump ‘the most pro-life president in American history,’” boasting “of a litany of anti-abortion measures by the Trump administration over its first year,” such as “banning federal funds for global health groups that promote abortion under the ‘Mexico City policy,’ defunding the United Nations Population Fund, and overturning an Obama administration rule that required states to provide funding for Planned Parenthood.”

In an analysis piece, the Washington Post (1/18, Cunningham, 11.19M) “The Health 202” blog reports that during the March for Life, abortion opponents will be “showcasing the momentum they’ve gained under President Trump.” The article suggests that most of the gains they have made have been the result of President Trump’s appointments. For instance, the Department of Health and Human Services recently announced “the creation of a new

conscience and religious freedom division, housed within the agency’s civil rights office, which will be charged with ensuring health-care workers are allowed to opt out of any procedure to which they have a moral or religious objection such as abortion or gender transition.” The Washington Times (1/18, Howell, 505K) also covers aspects of the story.

### **President Trump Now At The Forefront Of The Anti-Abortion Movement.**

The AP (1/19, Kellman) reports that despite President Trump having described himself as “pro-choice” in the past, he is “stepping to the forefront of his administration’s efforts to roll back abortion rights,” and recording a series of “key victories” for anti-abortion activists. Activists point to the confirmation of conservative Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, expanding a ban on US to overseas groups that provide abortion counseling, as well as the creation of HHS’ new office charged with protecting religious rights of medical providers as hallmarks of the President’s efforts.

### **Two Republicans Ask GAO To Investigate “Abortion Bonds.”**

The Washington Times (1/18, Dinan, 505K) reports Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) and Rep. Robert Pittenger (R-NC) wrote a letter to the Government Accountability Office requesting an investigation of the use of tax-exempt government bonds to fund abortion providers. In their letter, Lankford and Pittenger say that they have discovered at least four instances of “abortion bonds,” and that the practice appears to be a loophole to a federal law that restricts government funding for elective abortions.

### **Likelihood Of Living Below Poverty Line Quadruples For Women Who Are Denied Abortions, Study Suggests.**

Reuters (1/18) reports a study published in the American Journal of Public Health indicates that women who seek abortions, but are denied them, have nearly four times the odds of living below the federal poverty line. Researchers reached this conclusion after interviewing “813 women at 30 clinics in 21 states” over the course of five years, finding the likelihood of living in poverty increased among women seeking abortions after the clinic’s time limit had elapsed.



**Walgreens, UnitedHealth Collaborate To Open Urgent Care Centers.** The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/18, Snowbeck, 1.17M) reports that as part of a collaboration with Walgreens, UnitedHealth Group will open four urgent care clinics in Las Vegas, Nevada. The article reports that “the new MedExpress clinics will be co-located with Walgreens stores in Las Vegas,” mentioning that “MedExpress and Walgreens already have co-located businesses in 11 locations, including three in the Twin Cities.”

## **HUMAN SERVICES NEWS**

**Wisconsin Governor Leading Effort To Overhaul Welfare Programs.** The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (1/18, Stein, 597K) reports Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) “is pushing for a series of welfare bills, including requiring able-bodied parents of children on food stamps to work or get training to receive more than three months of benefits and increasing the existing work requirement for all able-bodied adults from 20 hours a week to 30.” According to the article, “Republicans say these proposals would make individuals more self-sufficient and help employers find workers at a time when the state unemployment rate is at 3%.”

## **FOOD & IMPORT SAFETY**

**Panera Asking FDA To Define The Term “Egg” To Better Inform Customers.** CNBC (1/19, Whitten, 3.1M) reports “Panera is petitioning the FDA to define the term ‘egg’ to better inform consumers about what they are getting when they order ‘egg’ from a restaurant,” considering the fact that currently “there is no clear definition.” Panera CEO Blaine Hurst said, “The mission is not to call people out or claim that we are holier than thou...We want to start a conversation about transparency.”

Fortune (1/19, Kowitt, 1.31M) also reports.

## **MEDICARE**

**CMS Puts Hold On Therapy Claims Amid Uncertainty.** Congressional Quarterly (1/18, Williams, Subscription Publication) reports that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has stopped “processing certain claims

for physical, speech and occupational therapy treatments” because Congress “has yet to extend certain Medicare programs that expired at the end of last year with no resolution in sight.” By not processing the claims, CMS is keeping “patients from having to pay out of their pockets for services once they hit an annual cap.” The piece adds that renewal of the “Medicare extenders” which would renew the exception to the therapy caps is not included in the latest continuing resolution under debate in Congress.

**Mutual Of Omaha Announces Intent To Sell Medicare Advantage Plans In 2019.** The Omaha (NE) World-Herald (1/18, Jordon, 526K) reports that Mutual of Omaha plans to begin selling Medicare Advantage health plans in 2019 for the first time, in cooperation with Lumeris, Inc., a “St. Louis company that will arrange health provider networks and manage the plans.”

## **MEDICAID & CHIP**

**Administration’s Move To Allow Medicaid Work Requirements May Cause Many Eligible Beneficiaries To Lose Coverage.** Margot Sanger-Katz writes in the New York Times (1/18, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) “The Upshot” blog that the Trump Administration’s decision to allow states to impose Medicaid work requirements “has inspired concern that the program will leave behind Medicaid beneficiaries who are unable to find or keep work.” She adds that “a lot of research about the Medicaid program, specifically...shows that sign-ups fall when states make their program more complicated.”

**Kentucky’s Move To Impose Medicaid Work Requirements Considered An About-Face.** Bloomberg News (1/18, Tozzi, Tracer, 3.31M) reports that Kentucky is preparing “to become the first state to impose a work rule for Medicaid,” and this worries some recipients who may not be able to prove they are working. The article says although “the federal government covers the vast majority of Kentucky’s Medicaid bill, the state still expects to save \$2.4 billion over five years by lowering enrollment by 95,000 people.” The piece adds that this “move is a U-turn in the state’s health-care policy,” because not



long ago, “Kentucky was seen as a model for its health insurance expansion.”

**Arizona Lawmakers Taking Steps To Reverse KidsCare Freeze.** The [Arizona Republic](#) (1/18, Pitzl, 1.03M) reports that Arizona “lawmakers are working to reverse a decision that would freeze enrollment in KidsCare,” which covers almost 25,000 children in the state. The article says “House Bill 2127 would ensure that if Congress were to cut funding for” CHIP, “Arizona lawmakers would be able to decide if they want to make up the difference.”

**West Virginia’s Medicaid Savings To Be Applied To Other Programs.** The [AP](#) (1/18) reports West Virginia Health and Human Resources Secretary Bill Crouch said that “\$160 million in savings from the Medicaid program will be applied to other programs.” Crouch explained that program changes made Medicaid more efficient in providing coverage, resulting in the savings. The article adds that “unused state money will be redirected to other areas in the department including child protective services and cost increases at state hospitals and economic development.”

**Montana Has 91,563 Enrolled In Medicaid Expansion, Legislative Committee Told.** The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (1/18, Drake, 123K) reports that members of the Montana Legislature’s Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee heard from officials on the status of the state’s Medicaid expansion program, HELP, which revealed that 91,563 people are participating in the program as of January 15. The program has provided \$802 million in healthcare services and has saved “\$40 million in Medicaid benefits.” The state’s Medicaid expansion program is set to “sunset” in 2019.

**Rhode Island Gov. Proposes \$166 Million In Medicaid Cuts To Balance Budget.** The [Providence \(RI\) Journal](#) (1/18, Bogdan, 259K) reports Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo (D) “proposed balancing next year’s \$9.38-billion budget with nearly \$166 million in cuts to Medicaid.” The changes will not affect “eligibility or benefits, officials said,” but will include imposing co-pays for the first time – which are estimated to save \$3.2 million. The proposal

also includes incentives for managed care companies to “provide more efficient patient care,” not increasing hospital reimbursement rates, and will “‘rebalance’ long-term care and nursing home services.”

## **HEALTH & MEDICAL NEWS**

**Flu Spreading Nationwide As More Children Succumb To Virus.** [ABC World News Tonight](#) (1/18, story 8, 1:25, Muir, 14.63M) reported on the mysterious “death of a 12-year-old boy” whose mother said he exhibited flu symptoms although health authorities still are “not sure...what it was.” Correspondent Gio Benitez explained, “12-year-old Michael Messenger had flu-like symptoms last week,” and visited an urgent care center the next day; but by “Thursday, he was dead.” Benitez explained that the boy received testing, adding that physicians “warn the five-minute test doesn’t always give a complete picture,” while the CDC “says the test can actually miss the flu up to half of the time.”

The [CBS Evening News](#) (1/18, story 4, 2:10, Glor, 11.17M) reported that as the flu spreads nationwide, Missouri has been “especially hard hit,” with “more than 40,000 cases so far this season...compared to just over 6,000 this time last year.” The Evening News said that at St. Louis Children’s Hospital, “they take no chances with visitors”: Visitors are “outfitted with an isolation gown, protective gloves, and a mask” due to concerns about pediatric patients.

[NBC Nightly News](#) (1/18, story 4, 1:55, Guthrie, 16.61M) correspondent Kristen Dahlgren reported new data indicate “more than 12 million people may now have the flu, the most cases around St. Louis.” She added, “According to the CDC, 78 percent of samples tested this year have been the most aggressive of the four known flu strains, H3-N2.” Dahlgren explained that the “National Institutes of Health has designated a so-called super-vaccine a top priority.”

**Flu Season “Moderately Severe” But Not Abnormal.** The [New York Times](#) (1/18, McNeil, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports a list of common questions about the flu and offers answers, saying the current flu season is “moderately severe,” striking “every state except Hawaii” with widespread activity. The most active strain this season, H3N2, “is the most dangerous of the four seasonal flu strains;” however, “the



number of people hospitalized or dying from flu nationwide is not unusually high,” but rather parallels “the 2014-2015 season, which was dominated by the same H3N2 flu strain and was also ‘moderately severe.’” The Times says some parts of the US, “hospitals have seen so many flu patients that they had to set up triage tents or turn other patients away,” but overall the US has managed to avoid “regional shortages of antiviral medications, patients dying because a city ran out of respirators, or other signs of a major crisis.”

**New York Stricken By “Drastic” Uptick In Flu Cases.** The AP (1/18) reports New York has seen a “drastic rise in flu cases,” hospitalizing more than 1,600 residents “in the past week alone, state health officials said Thursday.” The state Department of Health said flu cases rose by 54 percent this past week. The AP adds that the “1,606 New Yorkers hospitalized in the past week with lab-confirmed flu is the highest weekly number since the health agency reporting began in 2004, officials said.”

The AP (1/18) reports separately that Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) is urging “all New Yorkers six months of age and older over who haven’t received a flu shot yet should get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

**Oklahoma Counts 45 Dead This Flu Season.** The AP (1/18) reports Oklahoma health officials have recorded 45 flu deaths this season, with nearly 1,400 people being hospitalized due to the virus. The state Department of Health “said Thursday all of the deaths and more than half of those hospitalized for flu since Sept. 1 are age 50 and over.” Tulsa County, where 10 have died, has recorded “more than any other county.” The US “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the flu is widespread in every state except Hawaii.”

**Op-Ed: Pregnant Women Who Do Not Get Flu Vaccine Endanger Child’s, Their Own Health.** Mark N. Simon, MD, chief medical officer of Ob Hospitalist Group, writes in an op-ed in STAT (1/18, 56K) that even as the flu season remains widespread throughout the US, the CDC reported “in December that only about one-third of pregnant women are getting flu shots” – a “startling and alarming” revelation. Dr. Simon explains that “64 percent of pregnant women had not been vaccinated against the flu, despite

recommendations from the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,” the report found. He argues that going unvaccinated while pregnant compromises the health of both the mother and the child.

**Flu May Be Spread By Breathing, Study Suggests.** The San Jose (CA) Mercury News (1/18, Seipel, 940K) reports a recent study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences indicates the flu may be passed “just by breathing.” Researchers followed 178 students “who were within the first three days of the flu’s onset” and found “that a significant number of flu patients routinely shed infectious virus, not merely detectable ribonucleic acid, or RNA, into aerosol particles small enough to present a risk for airborne transmission.”

**Ohio County Records Three More Flu Deaths.** The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/18, Washington, 750K) reports Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has counted three more flu-related deaths, “bringing to five the total number of flu-related deaths this season.” The county “Public Health Collaborative reported the totals Thursday in its influenza report for the week of Jan. 7-13,” finding flu activity decrease to “moderate low” throughout the week after reaching “high” and “very high” in December. The state has recorded “1,750 flu-related hospitalizations” this season.

**New Jersey May Post Worst Flu Season In Recent Years, Data Indicate.** The Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger (1/18, 1.51M) reports New Jersey is seeing the number of flu cases rise “at a faster pace than the past two seasons,” with “1,166 confirmed cases in the past week, as compared to 697 for the same period last season and 24 for 2015-16.” The state has confirmed 3,189 cases of the flu this season. Officials say the flu this season is particularly virulent because of the “dreaded H3N2 virus” in circulation, which “is typically associated with more severe illness than other strains.”

**Kentucky Sees At Least 50 Flu Deaths This Season.** The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/18, Novelly, 346K) reports at least 50 people have died due to the flu in Kentucky, according to the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Officials believe that two of the



deaths were children, which “Acting Department for Public Health Commissioner Dr. Jeffrey D. Howard called...a tragedy.” Data last week showed 36 flu-related deaths, while data through the first week of January showed the number of flu cases reached 2,109, compared to 92 cases over the same period last year.

### **Mutated Flu Virus May Hold Key To Improving Vaccine, Study Suggests.**

CNN (1/18, Howard, 31.91M) reports on its website that a study published in the journal Science on Thursday indicated “a mutant influenza A virus” researchers used to develop a vaccine “gave the immune systems of mice and ferrets a significant boost.” Researchers said they “expect it to be effective in humans, but there are possibilities for potentially unexpected outcomes,” adding that it may take “several years” for the vaccine, possibly used as a nasal spray, to begin the FDA approval process. The piece adds that the only “approved nasal seasonal flu vaccine...is not currently recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention because it’s less effective than an injected vaccine.” CNN also says the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases influenza research program has dedicated investigations to the development of a universal flu vaccine.

### **San Francisco Bay Area Hospitals Working Overtime To Manage Flu Demand.**

The San Francisco Chronicle (1/19, Ho, 4.42M) reports many San Francisco Bay Area healthcare workers attending to flu patients have had to work overtime to address the significant demand for care this season. Throughout the area, “hospitals and medical clinics are calling on additional physicians, nurses and medical staff to work extra shifts – some to take the place of workers who have fallen ill themselves – postponing the addition of elective surgeries to make room for flu patients, and imposing temporary restrictions on visitors to help prevent the spread of influenza to patients already in the hospital.”

### **Repeated Hits To The Head, Even Without Concussions, May Cause CTE, Study Suggests.**

The Washington Post (1/18, Boren, 11.19M) reports researchers “found further evidence linking hits to the head rather than concussions to the onset of chronic

traumatic encephalopathy [CTE], the neurodegenerative disease traced back to the kind of head trauma experienced by football players, other athletes and combat veterans.” The findings were published online Jan. 18 in the journal Brain. The National Institutes of Health and the US Department of Veterans Affairs helped fund the study.

CNN (1/18, Kounang, 31.91M) reports on its website that the researchers studied the brains of four teenagers who “died within a day to four months of receiving some sort of sport-related head injury and had a history of playing football,” and compared the results to those found in mice models. Dr. Lee Goldstein, one of the study’s authors, said, “Now we have both the scientific proof, the pathologies to support it, and all the evidence to show that concussion is not linked to long-term neurological disease.”

The Boston Globe (1/18, Freyer, 1.02M) reports the results of the study show that “CTE starts faster and earlier than previously recognized, as jolts to the head trigger abnormalities even in teenagers.” Goldstein said, “We see it early, we see it persist, and we see it progress. It’s very alarming. Once you get this thing started, you don’t have to have additional injuries to keep it going.”

Also covering the story are the Los Angeles Times (1/18, Healy, 5.51M) “Science Now” blog, the NPR (1/18, Goldman, 2.49M) “Shots” blog and “All Things Considered” program, TIME (1/18, Gregory, 5.5M), Newsweek (1/18, Dovey, 1.5M), and the New York Daily News (1/18, Red, 3.34M).

### **Arkansas Health Officials Say Traveler Exposed 150 People To Measles.**

The AP (1/18) reports, “The Arkansas Department of Health says about 150 people were exposed to measles after an ill traveler flew from Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport to Little Rock.” State health officials say the passenger flew on United Airlines Flight 5314 from Chicago to Little Rock on Jan. 10, and that people at the University of Arkansas at Medical Science’s emergency department were also exposed.

### **Triclosan May Be Able To Fight Drug-Resistant Malaria, Study Suggests.**

Reuters (1/18, Kelland) reports researchers found that triclosan, “a common ingredient of toothpaste,” may be able “to fight drug-resistant



strains of malaria.” The findings were published in Scientific Reports.

**Davenport University Closes Main Campus Following Suspected Norovirus Outbreak.** The AP (1/18) reports Davenport University has closed its main campus in Grand Rapids, MI until Monday following a suspected outbreak of norovirus. The article reports that around 100 students may have contracted norovirus.

**Four Health Systems To Launch Non-Profit Generic Drugmaker.** Reuters (1/18, Erman) reports Intermountain Healthcare announced that it is working with Ascension, SSM Health, and Trinity Health to establish a non-profit generic drug manufacturer “aimed at combating shortages and high costs of some generic drugs.” The four health systems are also consulting with the US Department of Veterans Affairs on the project.

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Evans, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports the health systems said they would prioritize the production of generic drugs that lack competition in the market, but they did not specify any drugs.

The AP (1/18, Johnson) reports the new company “will be guided by an advisory board of high-profile experts from government, the pharmaceutical industry and Harvard Business School.”

STAT (1/18, Silverman, 56K) quotes Dr. Marc Harrison, the CEO of Intermountain Healthcare, who said, “It’s an ambitious plan, but healthcare systems are in the best position to fix the problems in the generic drug market.”

Modern Healthcare (1/18, Teichert, Subscription Publication, 233K) reports the health systems, which together have hundreds of hospitals, “are working...to create an initiative to manufacture essential generic drugs either directly or via subcontracts.” Also covering story are the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (1/18, Liss, 822K), CNBC (1/18, Mangan, 3.1M), and the St. Louis Business Journal (1/18, Mueller, Subscription Publication, 588K).

**Op-Ed: Experts Should Be Allowed To Raise Questions Of President’s Mental Fitness.** Bandy X. Lee, assistant clinical professor in law and psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine, and Norman Eisen, a senior fellow at

the Brookings Institution, write in USA Today (1/19, 8.23M) about questioning President Trump’s mental fitness for the office. They write, “As a forensic psychiatrist and a government ethicist, we believe those questions of public health concern should be asked publicly.” They argue that the book, “The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump,” in fact “went no further than the limits of the American Psychiatric Association’s so-called Goldwater rule,” and opine that the rule has since become, in effect, a “gag rule on APA members.”

**Biocon Signs Deal With Sandoz To Make Biosimilars.** Bloomberg News (1/18, Altstedter, 3.31M) reports Biocon Ltd. “signed a deal to develop copycat versions of biologic drugs with” Novartis AG’s Sandoz. Under the deal, Biocon, which is based in Bengaluru, India, “will focus on developing copies, or biosimilars, of biologic drugs in immunology and oncology.”

**PTC Therapeutics Raises Price Of Muscular Dystrophy Treatment Deflazacort.** The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Walker, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports PTC Therapeutics raised the list price of muscular dystrophy treatment Emflaza (deflazacort) by around 9% to over \$65,000 per year for a regular dosage. The article points out that the price of Emflaza is controversial, and that US patients previously paid \$1,200 or less per year to import it from Europe, before the Food and Drug Administration approved it as a treatment for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

**Tennessee State Legislators Introduce Medical Marijuana Bill.** The Tennessean (1/18, Ebert, 380K) reports Tennessee state Rep. Jeremy Faison (R) and state Sen. Steve Dickerson (R) introduced a bill to legalize some forms of medical marijuana for people with certain medical conditions in the state. The bill “would only allow oil-based manufactured products, such as pills or lotions, and would not permit the sale of raw cannabis, also known as marijuana, as is common in other states.”

**Opinion: Bloomberg And Summers Lead Effort To Use Fiscal Policy To Improve Global Health.** In an opinion piece for the Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M), Lawrence Summers, former Treasury Secretary



and former economic adviser to President Obama, wrote that he and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg “announced the Task Force on Fiscal Policy for Health” to bring together “fiscal-policy, development and health leaders” to “address the enormous and growing health and economic burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in lower- and middle-income countries (LMICs).” Summers notes that tobacco use “contributes to 7 million deaths annually.” He concludes, “Taxing ‘bads’ like tobacco and sugar over ‘goods’ like savings and income is as close to a free lunch as you can get in economics. This is low-hanging fruit that makes people’s lives better and makes the world a better place.”

In an opinion piece for the New York Times (1/18, Subscription Publication, 15.39M), op-ed columnist David Leonhardt writes that tobacco taxes “have been hugely successful in reducing smoking and improving public health,” but are “still not high enough.” Bloomberg and Summers’ group “will eventually make recommendations on both the politics and policy of health taxes.” According to Leonhardt, “It’s also clear that these taxes work: They reduce consumption, which means they don’t overburden the budgets of poor families.”

### **Concern Over Climate Change Linked To Depression, Study Suggests.**

Reuters (1/18, Malo) reports a study published in the journal *Global Environmental Change* has found “depression and anxiety afflict Americans who are concerned with the fate of the environment.” According to the study, “most hard-hit are women and people with low incomes who worry about the planet’s long-term health. ... Symptoms include restless nights, feelings of loneliness and lethargy.” Lead author of the study and University of Arizona professor Sabrina Helm said, “Climate change is a persistent global stressor.”

### **Judge Orders Olympus To Face New Trial Over Medical Scopes Linked To Superbug Deaths.**

Kaiser Health News (1/18, Terhune, News) reports Seattle’s King County Superior Court Judge Steve Rosen on Tuesday ordered a new trial in a wrongful death case against Japanese company Olympus Corp., saying the company, in the article’s words, “failed to properly disclose internal emails that raised safety concerns about a redesigned medical

scope as early as 2008, several years before the device was publicly tied to deadly superbug outbreaks.” Rosen charged the company with neglecting to translate from Japanese the emails it shared with plaintiffs, as required, which the piece says suggests “the company was aware of a potential design problem at least four years earlier than had been disclosed.”

### **Increasing Number Of Children With Commercial Health Insurance Are Getting Recommended Vaccines, Report Finds.**

Forbes (1/18, 4.82M) contributor Bruce Japsen writes, “An increasing number of children with commercial health insurance are getting their recommended vaccines while a small but growing number of parents are also refusing vaccinations for their kids, a new report from” the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association shows. Even though “childhood vaccination rates rose 12% among Blue Cross health plan members from 2010 to 2016,” the report revealed, the increasing number of vaccine referrals on the part of parents “is a sign that more education needs to be conducted in communities across the country about vaccine safety, doctors say.”

The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (1/18, Sausser, 320K) reports that 77.8 percent “of South Carolina children insured by BlueCross BlueShield received their recommended vaccines for measles, mumps, hepatitis B and other infectious diseases between 2010 and 2016,” the report showed. Across the US as a whole, that figure is just 73.5 percent.

The Philadelphia (PA) Inquirer (1/18, Giordano, 1M) reports that “85.4 percent of all Philadelphia-area children whose Blue Cross-Blue Shield claims were reviewed for the six-year study had received the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommended seven-vaccine series.”

### **Overall General Fertility Rate Has Decreased In 2016, But Increased In Women 30 And Older, Research Suggests.**

In “The Upshot,” the New York Times (1/18, Miller, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports on “a new analysis of census data by Pew Research Center” finding that even though “the overall general fertility rate decreased in 2016, it increased for women 30 and older,” researchers found. For example, “86 percent of



women ages 40 to 44...are mothers, up from 80 percent in 2006, reversing decades of declines." Other groups showing increases are women "with advanced degrees and those who never marry," the analysis revealed. Overall, "the median age at which women first give birth has risen to 26, and women are significantly less likely than they were two decades ago to give birth as teenagers or in their early 20s," the study found.

### **Several Female Reproductive Factors May Be Associated With An Increased Risk For Heart Disease, Stroke, Study Indicates.**

The New York Times (1/18, Bakalar, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports, "Several female reproductive factors, including early menarche, early menopause and miscarriage, are associated with an increased risk for heart disease and stroke," UK researchers found after collecting and examining "data on 267,440 women 40 to 69 years old" who were followed "for an average of seven years." The findings were published in the journal *Heart*,

### **Physicians Each Generated More Than \$2M In Activity For Maryland's Economy On Average, Study Finds.**

The Baltimore Sun (1/18, Cohn, 691K) reports that currently, "there are 17,633 active patient care physicians in Maryland supporting more than 213,000 jobs and generating \$3.95 billion in economic output for the state's economy, according to a study released by MedChi, Maryland's medical society, and the American Medical Association." Physicians "each generated more than \$2 million in activity for the state's economy on average, including more than \$1.1 million in workers' wages and benefits on average," the study found.

### **Bishop Introduces Medical Marijuana Research Bill.**

The Deseret (UT) News (1/18, Romboy, 454K) reports that Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) introduced Thursday "a House version of bipartisan legislation to make it easier for researchers to study medicinal uses for marijuana." The article says the bill "would make marijuana more available for legitimate research and streamline the onerous research registration process," would require the National Institute on Drug Abuse "to develop recommendations for good manufacturing practices for growing marijuana for research," and will "allow for the

commercial production of drugs developed from marijuana once the Food and Drug Administration approves them."

### **Dentists May Begin To Address STDs As Throat Cancers Continue To Rise.**

Newsweek (1/19, Matthews, 1.5M) reports that dentists may begin discussing sex education or offering STD tests as rates of human papillomavirus (HPV) continue to increase, and with them, the risks of throat cancers. In a 2016 analysis of insurance claims, cases of oral cancer increased 61 percent between 2011 and 2015, and traditional "risk factors include smoking and alcohol, but over the past 15 years, new strains of oral cancer have become more common, thanks to HPV." Some dentists believe that every dentist should be "screening patients" for oral cancer and HPV.

### **Experts Reach Different Conclusions On Whether Exercise Helps The Brain.**

STAT (1/19, Begley, 56K) reports that researchers disagree on the effect that exercise can have for patients with mild cognitive impairment, even as the American Academy for Neurology recommended for the first time that neurologists tell their patients to regularly exercise. Nine days before that recommendation, however, a study for the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine "concluded that empirical support is woefully 'insufficient' for claims that exercise can prevent MCI or dementia." The National Institute on Aging requested that study.

## **GLOBAL HEALTH**

### **British Court Allows Terminally Ill Man To Challenge Country's Law On Assisted Death.**

The AP (1/18) reports a British court ruled that a terminally ill man can "challenge the country's law on assisted dying, after an earlier decision that rejected his case." The article reports that last October, the High Court rejected his request for a declaration that the country's ban on assisted suicide violates the European Convention on Human Rights.

### **Zambia Struggling To Contain Cholera Outbreak.**

The AP (1/18, Torchia) reports Zambia is struggling to contain a deadly cholera outbreak, which has killed more than 70 people since October, mostly in the capital Lusaka. The



World Health Organization is helping to carry out a vaccination program in Lusaka, and the US has sent six experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the country to help local health officials.

### **German Subsidiary Of Canadian Company Wins Contract To Sell Medical Marijuana In Italy.**

Reuters (1/18, Shakir) reports Pedanios, a German subsidiary of Canada's second largest producer of marijuana Aurora Cannabis Inc., "won a contract to supply medical marijuana to the Italian market." Under the contract, Aurora "will export medical cannabis into Germany through Pedanios, which will supply the Italian market through the Italian Ministry of Defence."

### **Australian Jury Convicts Prostitute For Infecting Man With HIV.**

The AP (1/19) reports that an Australian jury convicted a transgender prostitute Friday "for knowingly infecting a client with HIV." The defendant had pleaded not guilty and argued that "she had been unaware that she was HIV-positive when she had unprotected sex with the client," but prosecutors contended that a nurse had advised her of her status two months before she first met the client. She faces a maximum of 10 years in prison.

### **Yemen May Face Malaria Outbreak Even As Its War, Disease Rage On.**

Reuters (1/18, Kanso) reports Yemen, still in the throes of war, hunger, and disease, now may be at risk of a malaria outbreak "due to a collapsing health care system, aid agencies said on Thursday." Mirella Hodeib, spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said the conditions in Yemen "provided the optimal conditions for the growth and re-emergence of communicable diseases." Abdullah Radman, deputy medical coordinator for Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), predicted, "The numbers of malaria cases could increase. It will be more serious if there is no treatment or preventative measures. People will die."

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Trump Touts Economic Record In Visit To Pennsylvania.**

Coverage of President Trump's visit to Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, where he toured a factory and

touted the new tax-reform law and the booming economy, focuses heavily on what it describes as the main reason the President made the trip: to boost state Rep. Rick Saccone (R-PA) in the March 13 special election to succeed ex-Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA). The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (1/18, 453K) reports that while Trump touted the new tax law, his "visit also contained a dash of politics," as the President gave Saccone "a shout-out," calling him "a real friend and a spectacular man." The Post-Gazette adds, "Speaking to reporters during a tour of the facility, Mr. Trump called Mr. Saccone 'a great guy. ... 'He's going to do well.' 'I'll be back for Rick,' Mr. Trump said. 'We're going to fill up a stadium for him.'"

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (1/18, Venteicher, 315K) reports that Trump's "visit provided a burst of enthusiasm for the campaign's supporters and volunteers and will likely bring broader attention to the campaign, Saccone spokesman Pat Geho said. Geho said that Saccone would work if elected to advance the president's agenda." Politico (1/18, Weaver, 3.22M) reported that ahead of his trip, Trump on Thursday morning "tweeted that he was heading to the state to 'give my total support to RICK SACCONNE, running for Congress in a Special Election (March 13).'" Politico added, "The White House said Trump's trip was not considered a political event. Trump echoed that during his visit to [a] manufacturing plant, saying that Saccone is a 'great guy' but that his trip was focused on the tax plan Congress passed late last year."

WGAL-TV Lancaster, PA (1/18, 6:21 p.m. EST, 70K) reported that Trump "touted economic growth and the recent tax cuts passed by Congress," telling the crowd that "tax cuts are already working better than anyone imagined." Trump "also spoke about the historically low unemployment rates."

KDKA-TV Pittsburgh (1/18, 6:05 p.m. EST, 86K) reported that the "quick visit" gave Trump "time to tout his tax bill, saying it really helps middle class families in Pennsylvania." Trump: "When we began our push for tax cuts, I promised that our bill would result in more jobs, higher wages and tremendous relief for middle-class families, and that is exactly what we have delivered. There is only one thing. Even I never knew how big it would be. It is much bigger, and you see it. Your paycheck will be much bigger because under our tax cuts, you will be keeping more of your hard-earned money. We kept our



promise. In Pennsylvania alone, families will see a tax cut of about \$11 billion just this year alone.” KDKA added that Trump’s visit “was also to help Republican Rick Saccone win a special congressional election in March.”

WPXI-TV Pittsburgh (1/18, 6:02 p.m. EST, 89K) also reported that Trump’s trip was “to throw his support behind Rick Saccone. He is running for the 18th district congressional seat held by Tim Murphy who resigned last year amid a scandal.”

WTAE-TV Pittsburgh (1/18, 6:01 p.m. EST, 88K) reported that Trump “pointed Rick Saccone out in the crowd but didn’t talk about the race specifically. He talked about the benefits of his tax cuts and policies for the economy.” Trump: “Anybody unhappy with the 401(k)? i don’t think so, right? well, we can keep it like this, we are going to win a lot of elections, that i can tell you. it’s something. no, it’s something.” WTAE added that Trump “saluted H&L Equipment here in North Fayette saying it would be putting \$2.7 million in capital investment.” Trump: “The signs of America’s come back can be seen at companies like this one, which just had its most successful year in it’s 35-year history. Congratulations, good job.”

The Washington Post (1/18, Parker, Costa, 11.19M) reports that Trump’s “visit to western Pennsylvania Thursday looked, sounded and felt at times like a campaign stop,” with the President praising “Saccone as ‘a great guy’ and ‘a special person’ during a factory tour. The White House insisted it was not actually a campaign stop – and Trump mostly kept 25 minutes of remarks focused on the” new tax-reform law, which the President contended “will simply buoy the economy. ‘Millions of American workers will be seeing signs of America’s comeback in their paychecks, in February,’ he said. ‘Very soon, your paychecks will be much bigger, because under our tax cuts, you will be keeping more of your hard-earned money.’”

USA Today (1/18, Jackson, 8.23M) reports, “The White House billed it as a tax cut speech, but...Trump also used his visit to...warm up for his biggest political project of 2018: The November congressional elections. ‘[If] we can keep it like this, we’re going to win a lot of elections, that I can tell you,’ Trump said while discussing the economy before an invited crowd at H&K Equipment Company of Pittsburgh.”

The AP (1/18, Colvin, Barrow) reports that Trump “waded into a potentially risky race,”

backing Saccone “in a contest widely viewed as a test of whether his party can stave off Democratic 2018 gains. Speaking at a Pittsburgh-area factory, Trump” lauded “Saccone as ‘a real friend and a spectacular man.’ And he told reporters he planned to come back to” the state to stump for the GOP hopeful.

Reuters (1/18, Rascoe) reports that Trump “traveled to western Pennsylvania on Thursday to show his” support for Saccone “in a special congressional election where Democrats are hoping to score another upset victory in Trump-friendly territory.” Reuters adds that Trump “won the district by nearly 20 points in the 2016 presidential election and surprised political observers by narrowly winning Pennsylvania, traditionally a Democratic-leaning state.”

In an online article, CNN (1/18, Bradner, 31.91M) reported that Trump’s visit “underscored just how important Republicans believe” the “special election...is to the party’s midterm prospects.” Though “the White House insisted his speech at H&K Equipment Company wasn’t a political trip, Trump clearly had the” special election “on his mind.” Under the headline “The Real Reason Trump Went To Pennsylvania,” NBC News (1/18, 6.95M) reported that the White House said the purpose of Trump’s visit was “to highlight how his signature tax cut is boosting the economy. ... But make no mistake, Trump was there to get an early jump on 2020.”

Bloomberg News (1/18, Edgerton, Sink, Cirilli, 3.31M) reports that with the visit, Trump “put his political capital to the test” in the wake of “suffering an embarrassing defeat late last year in Alabama, where he backed two losing candidates and the state elected its first Democrat to the Senate in a quarter century.” Bloomberg News adds that “House Republican leadership has urged Trump to pay attention to the” contest “to help bolster the Saccone’s profile, according to two people familiar with the matter.” The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Epstein, Bender, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that Trump’s visit came a couple of days after a Democrat was victorious in a Wisconsin state Senate special election in a district Trump had scored a 20-point win.

***After Trump Tweet, White House Says Trip Was Official Business.*** The Washington Times (1/18, Boyer, 505K) reports that in the wake of Trump’s Thursday morning tweet saying his Pennsylvania trip would be aimed at boosting



Saccone, the “White House clarified Thursday that” the President’s visit “is official business to promote his tax cuts.” Said White House press secretary Sarah Sanders, “While the president has made clear his support for Republican candidates throughout the country, including in Pennsylvania, the purpose of today’s visit is to promote the president’s successful agenda especially on taxes.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, Bierman, 5.51M) reports, “The White House press office was once again forced to walk back a tweet from...Trump on Thursday morning after he described a trip to Pennsylvania later in the day as a political one – a statement that would force the Republican Party, not taxpayers, to pay for the journey.”

The Hill (1/18, Kamisar, 1.99M) reported that “taxpayers fund presidential travel for official trips but political parties are required to reimburse the White House for a portion of a trip that involves political activity. ... A 2012 report by the Congressional Research service explains that ‘when travel involves both official and political functions, the White House uses a formula to determine’ the reimbursement from the political committee.”

The Washington Post (1/18, Nakamura, 11.19M) reports that with his tweet, Trump “followed his White House predecessors in one of Washington’s usually unspoken traditions: blurring the lines between a campaign trip and official business.” The Post adds, “Presidents stretching back to at least Ronald Reagan have unabashedly doubled up on their to-do list while designing presidential travel, especially in election years, giving policy speeches by day and attending fundraisers at night.”

#### **Trump Calls Factory Worker Onstage.**

The Daily Caller (1/18, Johnson, 696K) reported that during his speech at the H&K Equipment factory, Trump touted the new tax law and called on “factory worker Ken Wilson [to join him] onstage.” Trump “noted that Ken will save \$2,200 in income taxes each year and” urged “him toward the mic to thank his men.” Wilson is quoted as saying, “It is not just me. It is everybody as a whole. This company is a great company. We work with a bunch of people. Everybody pulled together and pulled this off. It was a sight to see. Something to always remember here. So I thank everybody. Thank you, Mr. Trump. Thank you.”

**Democrat Lamb Out With His First TV Ad Of Special Election.** The Hill (1/18, Hagen, 1.99M) reported that Saccone’s opponent in the special election, ex-federal prosecutor Conor Lamb (D-PA), “launched his first TV ad on Thursday, pitching himself as someone who will work across the aisle and supports new leadership in Congress.” The spot “plays up Lamb’s career as a Marine veteran who ‘still loves to shoot’ and his time as a federal prosecutor. The spot also highlights Lamb’s call for new leaders for both parties in the House. Lamb has already said that, if elected, he won’t support House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) as leader.”

#### **WTimes Analysis: Economy “Lifting Off” On Trump’s “Rocket Fuel” Policies.**

A Washington Times (1/18, Boyer, 505K) analysis reports that President Trump will mark his first year in office “riding a wave of strong economic news.” Trump has said for the past year “that his recipe of less regulation and lower taxes would be ‘rocket fuel’ for employers” and “it looks very much like the economy is lifting off.” The Times cites rising corporate profits, declining unemployment, growing GDP and higher consumer and business optimism.

**Economic Reports Point To Signs Of “Sustained Strength.”** Breitbart (1/18, Carney, 2.81M) highlights “new signals of sustained strength” in the US economy, citing the Labor Department figures which showed Thursday that “jobless claims fell by 41,000 to 220,000, far below the 249,000 expected by economists.” Breitbart adds that the “already very low” unemployment rate of 4.1 percent “could fall even further.” In addition, Breitbart reports that “the Atlanta Fed’s latest forecast for gross domestic product...rose Thursday to 3.4 percent,” and “the Philadelphia Fed’s survey of manufacturing business showed that this sector continues to grow in January.”

#### **Senate Judiciary Committee Advances 17 Judicial Nominees.**

The Hill (1/18, Wheeler, 1.99M) reports that the Senate Judiciary Committee “advanced 17 judicial nominees, several of which were vehemently opposed by Democrats, to the floor for a vote Thursday, along with three nominees for top posts in the Department of Justice (DOJ).” Although Sen. Cory Booker “pushed Committee Chairman Sen. Chuck Grassley to hold over” the nomination



of one controversial nominee, Thomas Farr, and schedule a second hearing, Grassley “said he disagreed with the need for another hearing and carried on with a vote.”

### **“Fake News Awards” Site Receives Over Two Million Visits In One Night.**

The Daily Caller (1/18, Hasson, 696K) says the “‘Fake News Awards’ that the Republican National Committee hosted on Trump’s behalf received over two million visits on Wednesday night alone,” according to one RNC official. The article also says the RNC “gave ‘awards’ to news organizations who botched stories in 2017. CNN won big, taking home four awards, followed by the New York Times with two and a four-way tie for fourth place.”

#### ***Ed Martin Out As Contributor On CNN.***

The Hollywood Reporter (1/18, Barr, 1.88M) reports that Trump supporter and former Missouri politician Ed Martin “is out as a CNN contributor, a network spokesperson confirmed Thursday.” Media Matters noted on Thursday “that Martin hasn’t appeared on air since mid-December, when he said on his radio show that some of his fellow panelists on a particular segment were ‘black racists.’” The network never formally announced that it had hired Martin when he first began regular appearances in September, “but he seemingly wrote up his own press release and published it on Twitter.”

### **Trump To Hold Inauguration Anniversary Gala At Mar-A-Lago.**

Bloomberg News (1/18, Jacobs, Allison, 3.31M) reports that “President Donald Trump will mark the first anniversary of his inauguration on Saturday with a celebration at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, with tickets starting at \$100,000 a pair.” Tickets will include a photograph with Trump and dinner; couples who pay \$250,000 “can also take part in a roundtable.” It is not clear “whether Trump’s plans to travel to Florida for the weekend would change if the government is shut down when current funding runs out at midnight Friday.”

***Prosecutors Drop Most Remaining Inaugural Day Rioting Cases.*** The Washington Post (1/18, Alexander, 11.19M) reports that a month after a jury in Washington, DC acquitted six co-defendants charged with rioting during President Trump’s 2017 inauguration, federal prosecutors “said late Thursday they were dismissing the charges against 129 other people

who also had been arrested and faced trial in the incidents in the District.” According to the Post, “cases against 59 individuals will move ahead, prosecutors said in a filing with D.C. Superior Court in which the government stated it had evidence of direct involvement in the riots for many of those.” The Post adds that in all, “more than 200 people were charged in connection with the protests.” Twenty of them “have pleaded guilty, and prosecutors previously dropped cases against another 20.” Trials for the remaining defendants “were scheduled to proceed through the end of the year,” and the next trial was scheduled for March.

### **CBC Seeks To Censure Trump Over Vulgar Remark On Haiti, Other Nations.**

Politico (1/18, McCaskill, 3.22M) reported that Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA on Thursday “introduced a resolution to censure President Donald Trump over what he contends is the president’s racist rhetoric referring to El Salvador, Haiti and African nations” with a vulgar term. Politico said, “The resolution – which has more than 130 co-sponsors, including House Democratic leaders – calls on the House to publicly state its support for the nations Trump disparaged, censure and condemn the president for his statements, and demand he retract his comments and apologize.”

In an online article, CNN (1/18, Mucha, 31.91M) reported that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi “is a co-sponsor of the resolution, according to her spokesman. While the likelihood of such a resolution moving through a Republican-controlled House is extremely low, Pelosi’s support brings more attention to the push.” The Hill (1/18, Marcos, 1.99M) reported that during a press conference, Richmond “warned they may try to force a floor vote on the censure resolution if GOP leaders don’t bring it up. ‘We have asked the Speaker to bring it up. If he doesn’t, then we will look at other ways to force a vote on it,’ Richmond” said.

***Editorial Defending Trump In Wake Of Vulgar Remark Sparks Outrage.*** Politico (1/18, Calderone, 3.22M) reported, “Journalists at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, along with former employees and some city luminaries, are expressing outrage over a pro-Trump editorial ordered up by the paper’s publisher,” John Block, “that they view as endorsing racism. The editorial,



titled 'Reason as racism,' argued that calling someone a racist is 'the new McCarthyism' and defended the sentiment behind...Trump's reported" vulgar comment about Haiti and African nations. Politico added, "The Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh, which represents 150 employees at the paper, said in a letter to the editor that it was 'collectively appalled and crestfallen by the repugnant editorial.'" Politico added, "The Post-Gazette didn't run the letter to the editor...or another letter denouncing the editorial and signed by 28 former employees of the paper."

**Activists Hope Reported Trump's Comment Will Spark Haitian Turnout In Florida.** The New York Times (1/18, Romero, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports on reactions within the Haitian community in South Florida after President Trump "was reported describing Haiti and unspecified African countries as 's---holes.'" The Times says that for these Haitians, Trump's comments "were yet another reminder of the stigma they have faced since they began arriving decades ago in large numbers." It also says Trump's comments are serving among Haitians in South Florida "as a reminder of their capacity to overcome" the stigmatism, "and their Democratic-leaning leaders are now vowing to use the episode to bolster citizenship drives and turnout in a state where the outcome of presidential elections can turn on a handful of votes."

**Hicks' Testimony In Russia Probe Delayed.** On ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 4, 1:20, Vega, 14.63M), Cecilia Vega reported that White House Communications Director Hope Hicks was "expected to testify in the congressional Russia probe. But late today, her Capitol Hill appearance [was] delayed over negotiations about whether she will invoke executive privilege. It comes the same week that President Trump's former chief strategist, Steve Bannon, asserted executive privilege, refusing to answer questions about the transition or his time at the White House." ABC News showed a clip of Fox News' Bret Baier asking White House chief of Staff Kelly, "Did the White House ask [Bannon] to invoke executive privilege?" Kelly was shown replying, "No. No. Steve has had very, very little contact with the White House since he's left."

**Swalwell: White House Trying To "Muzzle" Witnesses In Bid "To Protect The President."** Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) said on

MSNBC's Morning Joe (1/18, 762K), "It would at least be lawful for Mr. Bannon to say that he was invoking executive privilege, but that isn't actually what occurred. He said he was told he couldn't talk, which is unlawful for the White House – to not stand on any legal authority, but to just muzzle a witness and to keep that witness from talking to us. And then the very next day Corey Lewandowski comes in and refuses to answer any questions – says that he talked to the President the night before, but wouldn't tell us anything that occurred after Corey Lewandowski left the campaign." Swalwell added that "it looks like they're selectively choosing who can tell us what in an effort to protect the President."

**Professors: President Cannot Invoke Executive Privilege In Russia Probe.** In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M), Sai Prakash, a law professor at the University of Virginia and a senior fellow at the Miller Center, and John Yoo, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley and a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, argue that President Trump cannot legally invoke executive privilege in Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election. They argue that while executive privilege protects deliberations about national security and diplomacy, it does not shield officials from criminal probes, as the Supreme Court ruled in *US v. Nixon* in 1974. Prakash and Yoo point out that the court has never ruled on executive privilege against congressional investigations, but they contend that the president has no legal justification for a refusal to talk to the special counsel.

**WPost: Congress Must Act To Prevent Russian Meddling Because Trump Will Not.** The Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) editorializes that "the most damaging aspect of President Trump's behavior on Russia may not be his attempts to discredit the work of Robert S. Mueller...but his utter disregard of the continuing threat from Moscow." The Post asserts that Russia meddled in the 2016 presidential election, is likely to attempt similar efforts in 2018 and 2020, and "the Trump administration has done next to nothing — in large part because the president refuses to recognize the threat." The Post concludes that, because Trump refuses to take action, Congress should pass "Defending Elections from Threats by Establishing Redlines...Act," which "would mandate a robust



US response if Russia or any other state interfered in a federal election.”

### **FBI Probing Whether Russia Funneled Cash To NRA To Aid Trump Campaign.**

McClatchy (1/18, Stone, Gordon, 44K) reports, “The FBI is investigating whether a top Russian banker with ties to the Kremlin illegally funneled money to the National Rifle Association to help Donald Trump win the presidency,” according to “two sources familiar with the matter.” McClatchy says, “FBI counterintelligence investigators have focused on the activities of Alexander Torshin, the deputy governor of Russia’s central bank who is known for his close relationships with both Russian President Vladimir Putin and the NRA, the sources said.” McClatchy adds that it isn’t clear “how long the Torshin inquiry has been ongoing,” but the revelation about the “investigation signals a new dimension in the 18-month-old FBI probe of Russia’s interference.”

### **House Intel Republicans Authorize Sharing Of Memo On FBI, DOJ Officials.**

Politico (1/18, Cheney, 3.22M) reported that GOP members of the House Intelligence Committee “have authorized their colleagues to access a highly classified report that they say details their concerns with the conduct of top FBI and Justice Department officials, as well as the agencies’ handling of a controversial surveillance program. ‘We have concerns – FISA concerns – that all members of the body should know,’ said Rep. Mike Conaway (R-Texas),” in reference “to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Some of President Donald Trump’s allies in the House have argued that the program was inappropriately used to surveil a foreign policy aide to the Trump campaign.”

Amid reports of a memo detailing FISA abuses by the US government, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) said on Fox News’ Hannity (1/18, 2.02M), “We can’t get into the specific information, but I can tell you I’m as certain as ever that the claims we have been making are accurate claims that there is intelligence information that backs it up. And that there has been a real attempt to undermine this President and it has come from the scariest of places. ... And that is the type of information that we need all Americans to see immediately.”

Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) said on Fox News’ Hannity (1/18, 2.02M), “What I read today in that classified briefing room is as bad as I thought it was and every single American citizen should have the ability to see that information to know exactly what our FBI was up to.”

Sean Hannity said on Fox News’ Hannity (1/18, 2.02M) that “it is more disturbing than we ever thought. And at this hour our sources are telling us that the abusive power is far bigger than Watergate. Remember, Watergate was a third-rate break-in. What we’re talking about tonight is the systematic abuse of power, the weaponizing of those powerful tools of intelligence, and the shredding of our Fourth Amendment constitutional rights that protect all of us against unlawful search and seizure.”

**WSJournal Applauds Move.** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) applauds Thursday’s vote by the House Intelligence Committee to allow all members of the House access to the classified memo, saying the move increases the odds that the American public will learn the facts on the subject. The Journal says that while all Democrats and Republicans on the committee voted to release a transcript of the panel’s interview with GPS’ Glenn Simpson, all the Democrats voted against allowing all House members have access to the memo detailing the FBI’s use of FISA warrants in 2016 to surveil Trump’s campaign team.

**Ex-Comey Chief Of Staff Rybicki Interviewed By Pair Of House Committees.** The Hill (1/18, Williams, Chalfant, 1.99M) reported, “Two House panels on Thursday questioned former FBI Director James Comey’s former chief of staff during a closed-door interview that lasted over seven hours.” The Hill said that James Rybicki was questioned by members of “the House Judiciary and Oversight committees as part of a joint investigation into the way the bureau handled the investigation into former secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s use of a private email server.” The Hill said, “Lawmakers of both parties filtered in and out of interview tight-lipped on the details of the interview, although they largely indicated that Rybicki was cooperating with the questions.”

**New York Courts Reject Probe Of Comey, ‘Seemingly Breaking Their Own Rules.’** The Washington Times (1/18, Dinan, 505K) reports, “The New York courts have refused to pursue an



investigation against former FBI Director James B. Comey and several other major figures involved in the Clinton email scandal, seemingly breaking their own rules in the process.” Attorney Ty Clevenger “had filed grievances against Mr. Comey and three others saying they violated fundamental rules of lawyers’ ethics by the way they handled the investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s emails. The New York grievance commission,” however, “rejected all of the complaints without comment. Under the commission’s own rules, it is supposed to provide ‘a brief description of the basis for the determination.’”

**Transcripts: Simpson Alleged Possible Money Laundering Between Trump, Russians.** USA Today (1/18, Kelly, Johnson, 8.23M) reports, “The opposition research firm that helped produce the notorious Trump dossier was looking into possible money laundering by Donald Trump and Russian nationals, according to transcripts released Thursday by the House Intelligence Committee.” According to the transcript, Fusion GPS co-founder Glenn Simpson said in November testimony before the panel that his firm “found ‘patterns of buying and selling that we thought were suggestive of money laundering.’” Simpson told the committee that “there were ‘an amazing number of people from the former Soviet Union who had purchased properties from Mr. Trump,’” according to the transcript.

Reuters (1/18, Walcott) reports that Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, on Thursday said, “Those transcripts reveal serious allegations that the Trump Organization may have engaged in money laundering with Russian nationals.” According to the transcripts, Simpson “said that his firm closely examined sales of condominiums in Trump properties in New York, Miami, Panama City and Toronto. ‘There were a lot of real estate deals where you couldn’t really tell who was buying the property,’ Simpson said. ‘And sometimes properties would be bought and sold, and they would be bought for one price and sold for a loss shortly thereafter, and it really didn’t make sense to us.’” Politico (1/18, Staff, 3.22M) reported that according to the transcripts, Simpson “urged lawmakers...to look into what he said were ties between...Trump and Russian money laundering.”

**Himes: Simpson Allegations “Could Be Of Interest” To Mueller.** Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT) was asked on CNN’s Situation Room (1/18, 748K) about the seriousness of the money laundering allegations against the Trump Organization. Himes said, “Let’s be clear. They are just that. They are Glenn Simpson’s opinion. They are allegations. They are suggestions. That is not a verdict. Obviously...if there’s any truth to them, they would be very, very serious. Not likely to be something that the congressional investigations would uncover. We don’t have the resources or the expertise to pursue that kind of thing. I would just assume that since that would sort of point to the criminal realm, that this might be, and I do say might be because I don’t know, one of the topics that could be of interest in the special counsel Bob Mueller.”

**Simpson Was Angry Over Comey’s Late Announcement On Clinton Probe.** Meanwhile, the Washington Post (1/18, Barrett, Demirjian, Zapotosky, 11.19M) reports that according to the transcripts, Simpson “said he tried to spur stories that the GOP candidate was under FBI investigation, because he was angry that then-FBI Director James B. Comey had reopened a probe into Hillary Clinton days before the 2016 election.” The transcript quotes Simpson as saying, “We were shocked, and I felt, I mean, I guess I was angry. At that point I felt like the rules had just been thrown out and that Comey had violated...one of the more sacrosanct policies, which is not announcing law enforcement activity in the closing days of an election.”

**In Wake Of Mueller Prosecutions, Spike Seen In Number Of FARA Filings.** The Washington Times (1/18, Boylan, 505K) reports, “Washington political operatives are scrambling to register their work for overseas clients in the wake of special counsel Robert Mueller’s high-profile prosecution of top Trump campaign officials for violating the largely ignored laws governing foreign lobbying, NBC News reported on Thursday. According to an NBC analysis, between 2016 and 2017 first-time filings with the US Justice Department’s Foreign Agents Registration (FARA) Unit jumped 50 percent to 102. In addition, supplemental filings – including details about campaign donations, meetings and phone calls – more than doubled from 618 to 1,244.”



**“Manhattan Media Elite” Fete Michael Wolff.** Writing for the New York Times (1/18, McCreesh, Subscription Publication, 15.39M), Michael McCreesh says that on Wednesday night, a number “of Manhattan’s media elite” gathered “to toast Michael Wolff, the author of ‘Fire and Fury,’ the best-selling book about the [Trump] administration. Earlier in the day, Politico had declared the party, held at the Upper West Side apartment of Stephen Rubin, president and publisher of Henry Holt, a ‘HOT TICKET’ – and Twitter’s ‘verified’ users were abuzz.” McCreesh goes on to describe the event.

**WSJournal Examines Trump’s Conversing Style.** Under the headline “Talking To Trump: A How-To Guide,” the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Nicholas, Ballhaus, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that it spoke with over 50 people who met with President Trump during his first year in office, and those people shared their thoughts on what conversing with the President is like. Among other things, those people said that Trump is prone to change the topic of the conversation, he is very candid in his remarks, and is not put off by blunt remarks offered by others.

**USA Today Examines Why Daniels Story “Hasn’t Been Bigger News.”** In an “analysis,” USA Today (1/18, Korte, 8.23M) reports on the why the controversy over President Trump’s alleged affair with porn star Stormy Daniels has apparently not had much of a negative impact on Trump. USA Today says that “Trump’s exploits seem to be baked into his poll numbers.” USA Today adds that Dartmouth University professor Brendan Nyhan “says there’s a number of reasons why the Daniels story hasn’t been bigger news,” including “a ‘cluttered news environment.’” USA Today adds that “there’s also this: The behavior Daniels describes, beginning with meeting Trump in his hotel room at a celebrity golf tournament in 2005, appeared to be entirely consensual.”

**Report: Daniels Claimed To Have Spanked Trump With A Forbes Magazine.** Mother Jones (1/18, Friedman, 947K) reports, “According to 2009 emails between political operatives who were at the time advising Daniels on a possible political campaign,” she “claimed that her affair with Trump included an unusual act: spanking him with a copy of Forbes magazine.” At the time,

Daniels had “announced that she was considering challenging Sen. David Vitter. ... According to a May 8, 2009, email written by an operative advising Daniels, who asked not to be identified, Daniels at one point scrolled through her cellphone contacts to provide her consultants with a list of names” that included Trump. The “email was sent to Andrea Dubé, a Democratic political consultant based in New Orleans. In response, Dubé expressed surprise that Daniels was friendly with Trump,” to which “the other consultant” responded, “She says one time he made her sit with him for three hours watching ‘shark week.’ Another time he had her spank him with a Forbes magazine.”

**Tillerson Extends Effort To Clear Public Records Request Backlog.** Politico (1/18, Toosi, 3.22M) reports Secretary of State Tillerson, in a January 5 email, announced a 90 extension of “his unusual effort to clear the State Department’s huge backlog of public records requests.” The move comes as “as conservative groups such as Judicial Watch continue to press the department to release more of former Secretary of State’s Hillary Clinton’s emails,” and “many State staffers believe Tillerson is seeking to appease President Donald Trump’s fixation on Clinton’s emails.” Additionally, some of those forced to work on the project are “career diplomats and civil servants” who find the clerical tasks “demoralizing” and suspect it is “a make-work exercise designed to induce them to quit as Tillerson tries to cut State’s budget and streamline its staff.”

**NYTimes Analysis: Search For New York Fed President Not Left To Trump.** The New York Times (1/18, Appelbaum, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports on the process of filling the vacancy of New York Fed president, one of the three top positions at the Federal Reserve currently undergoing transition. While President Trump has influence over the Fed chairmanship and vice chairmanship, the New York Fed’s board of directors gets to fill the regional bank’s presidency. The article discusses the factors it is weighing, including whether to choose someone “in the mold of” outgoing Fed chairwoman Janet Yellen.

**Democratic Organizers Plan Black Women’s Summit For February.** The



Washington Post (1/18, Williams, 11.19M) reports that the organizers of Power Rising, a black women's summit, "are hoping to gather more than 1,000 participants in Atlanta next month to map out a strategy for" leveraging black women's political influence. The Post says the idea for the event "came out of a retreat held by female members of the Congressional Black Caucus after the 2016 presidential election." In that election, "black women had proven to be the Democratic Party's most loyal group of voters in the general election." The article provides background and detail on the event.

### **Congress Introduces Measure Dealing With Sexual Harassment.**

The Washington Post (1/18, Eltagouri, 11.19M) reports that lawmakers introduced a bipartisan bill on Thursday "mandating that members of Congress pay sexual harassment settlements themselves...as part of an effort to reform the House's current, secretive method of dealing with workplace complaints." The article provides detail and background on the bill.

### **Parent Company Opens Investigation Into LATimes Publisher.**

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, James, 5.51M) reports that its parent company, Tronc, "said Thursday that it had opened an investigation into past conduct of Times publisher Ross Levinsohn." The investigation follows a "detailed report" on Levinsohn's past behavior by NPR's media writer David Folkenflik.

### **Megyn Kelly Staffer Fired After Reporting "Toxic And Demeaning" Environment.**

Page Six (1/18, Smith, 1.12M) reports that Kevin Bleyer, who was a writer for "Megyn Kelly Today," was fired "after claiming there is a 'toxic and demeaning' environment on set, rife with bullying and 'abusive treatment.'" Bleyer accused executive Christine Cataldi and Jackie Levin of "bullying lower level members of staff." Bleyer wrote in a memo to NBC News human resources, "I'm sad to say ... the executive incompetence continues — as does the dysfunctional management, abusive treatment, maddening hypocrisy, staggering inefficiencies, acidic and deficient communication, and relentless scapegoating. Jackie Levin persists in creating a toxic and demeaning environment, and Christine Cataldi enables and reinforces it."

### **States, Municipalities Consider Anti-Bump Stock Legislation.**

The Washington Post (1/18, Zezima, 11.19M) says at least 15 states plus the city of Denver "are considering laws that would ban bump stocks." These proposed laws come "after Congress failed to act on bipartisan resolve to restrict them following their use in a Las Vegas massacre last year," and after Columbia, SC "barred them last year."

### **Ryan Raised Off-Year Record \$44M In 2017, Transferred \$32M To NRCC.**

Politico (1/18, Schneider, 3.22M) reported that House Speaker Ryan (R) "raised more than \$44 million in 2017, an off-year record for any House leader — a financial haul Republicans hope will shore up vulnerable GOP members in what's shaping up to be a tough midterm cycle for Republicans." Politico said that Ryan "raised \$4.8 million" in the fourth quarter of last year, "down from \$6.7 million in the third quarter." Politico added, that Ryan in 2017 "transferred \$32 million to the National Republican Campaign Committee" and an additional "\$1.7 million directly to GOP members." The Hill (1/18, Bowden, 1.99M) also reported on Ryan's fundraising numbers.

### **Fellow Illinois Democrats Cite Trump In Backing Lipinski Primary Foe.**

Politico (1/18, Korecki, 3.22M) reported that Reps. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) on Wednesday condemned Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL) and backed "his little-known primary opponent." Speaking at a news conference, Gutierrez "framed the public shunning as a necessary response in the Donald Trump era: Democrats needed to unite against the president, and Lipinski couldn't be counted on to vote reliably with Democrats." Politico added that the move, however, "was also a tale of a party that is an increasingly awkward fit for centrists like Lipinski," who opposes abortion rights, and also voted against immigration measures widely backed by Democrats.

### **High Court Temporarily Blocks Ruling Ordering North Carolina To Remap.**

The New York Times (1/18, Liptak, Blinder, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports that the US Supreme Court on Thursday "temporarily blocked a trial court's order requiring North Carolina lawmakers to produce a revised congressional voting map, making it likely that the



midterm elections this year will be conducted using districts favorable to Republican candidates. The trial court had found that Republican legislators in the state had violated the Constitution by drawing congressional voting districts to hurt the electoral chances of Democratic candidates.” The Times adds that the Supreme Court, “which is considering two other major tests of partisan gerrymandering, has granted stays in similar settings. Its decisions in the pending cases, from Wisconsin and Maryland, are likely to effectively decide the North Carolina case, too.”

### **Lessig Envisions Scenario In Which Hillary Clinton Becomes President.**

The Washington Times (1/18, Richardson, 505K) reports that Harvard Law School professor Lawrence Lessig “says there’s still a scenario in which Hillary Clinton becomes president.” Speaking with Newsweek, Lessig “envisioned a scenario in which President Trump resigns or is impeached, Vice President Mike Pence resigns or is impeached, and House Speaker Paul D. Ryan – who would be next in line – nominates Mrs. Clinton to be his vice president, and then steps aside to let her have the job.”

### **NASA Says 2017 Was Among Hottest Years On Record.**

The Washington Post (1/18, Mooney, 11.19M) says NASA reported on Thursday that “2017 was among the hottest years ever recorded.” In addition, according to NASA’s measures, “the 2017 results make the past four years the hottest period in their 138-year archive.” White House Principal Deputy Press Secretary Raj Shah said in a statement, “The climate has changed and is always changing,” adding, “To address climate change as well as other risks, the U.S. will continue to promote access to affordable and reliable energy and support technology, innovation and the development of modern and efficient infrastructure in order to reduce emissions and effectively address future climate related risks.”

The CBS Evening News (1/18, story 10, 0:15, Glor, 11.17M) briefly reported that 2017 had the second warmest global surface temperature since recording began in 1880, according to NASA, while the NOAA “pegged it as the third warmest.” Both agencies “say the five warmest years have occurred since 2010.”

### **New Study Finds Extreme Predictions About Climate Change Effects Unlikely.**

The Washington Times (1/18, Richardson, 505K) reports on a new study (1/17, Williamson, 197K) published in the journal *Nature* which “throws cold water on the U.N.’s most extreme climate-change scenarios, finding little chance that the planet will heat up by 4 to 5 degrees over the next century.” The study’s lead author, University of Exeter Professor Peter M. Cox, said in a press release, “Our study all but rules out very low and very high climate sensitivities, so we now know much better what we need to.” The article says the study’s conclusions “also improve the chances of meeting the goals of the Paris climate accord.”

### **New York City Official Files Lawsuit Claiming Discrimination.**

The New York Times (1/18, Neuman, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) reports that Geneith Turnbull, a former deputy commissioner at the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services who was demoted during what the city called a “reorganization of the agency,” has filed a lawsuit “alleging that her demotion was motivated by discrimination, and was meant to punish her for standing up to her supervisors.” Turnbull has accused the city of demoting her “in retaliation for repeatedly voicing concerns about a pay raise given to one of her subordinates, who she believed had in some way helped to protect” Mayor Bill de Blasio during a 2016 federal investigation into allegations that de Blasio “traded favors for political donations.”

### **Conservative Lobbyist Attacked Outside His Home.**

The Daily Caller (1/18, Crowe, 696K) reported that “well-known conservative lobbyist” Jack Burkman “was sprayed with a ‘caustic substance’ by a masked attacker outside his Arlington home Tuesday, according to local police.” The Daily Caller said that Burkman drew “headlines in 2016 by offering a \$130,000 reward for information on the mysterious murder of DNC staffer Seth Rich. ... Local police told The Washington Post they have not yet determined the perpetrator’s identity.”

### **Spencer To Speak At Michigan State.**

The Washington Post (1/18, Svrluga, 11.19M) says Michigan State University “will allow white nationalist Richard Spencer to speak on campus in March.” The university initially denied the request for Spencer to speak, but it relented “after



settling a lawsuit brought by a supporter,” who claimed the denial violated First Amendment rights.

### **NYTimes Op-ed: Stewart Attempting “Hostile Takeover” With Escalante Bill.**

Christopher Ketcham, a former Utah resident who “is writing a book about public lands in the American West,” asserts in the New York Times (1/18, Ketcham, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) that Representative Chris Stewart’s recently-introduced “legislation to establish the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve...could set a precedent with enormous consequences nationally, all of them bad for the national parks and the park service.” Ketcham writes that the bill would vest control in an unprecedented “management council,” and would also “elevate hunting and the grazing of livestock to core purposes of the park.” Ketcham declares in conclusion that if this bill becomes law, “the anti-federalists of Utah will have legitimized a hostile takeover of the commons.”

### **Goldfarb: Trump Not Mentally Ill, Just Has “Country Club Mind-Set.”**

Michael Goldfarb, “the host of the FRDH (First Rough Draft of History) podcast,” asserts in an op-ed in the New York Times (1/18, Goldfarb, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) that President Trump’s words “about certain African countries and about immigrants from Haiti is exactly what you might hear at any country club: in the locker room, or at the 19th-hole bar, or around a big family table with friends and their kids having the Sunday all-you-can-eat buffet.” Goldfarb asserts this as part of a broader critique of both Trump and “the country club mind-set;” he opines that “when the country-club class gets directly involved in politics, a country is on a shortcut to disaster.” Goldfarb suggests that everyone should “stop looking for grand psychiatric theories about what makes Mr. Trump tick,” because “it is insulting to people who suffer from real mental illness.”

### **Writer: On Trump, “There Is A Strategic Logic To Conspiracy Theories.”**

In a piece for Politico Magazine (1/18, Uscinski, 3.16M), University of Miami assistant political scientist Joseph E. Uscinski, author of “American Conspiracy Theories,” asks, “Why have Democrats become so prone to conspiracy theorizing about Donald Trump?” For

example, despite Trump being “said to be in fine health by his doctor, many of the president’s detractors believe the doctor is lying and that there is a conspiracy afoot to conceal the president’s true deteriorating condition.” Uscinski adds that “there is a strategic logic to conspiracy theories: They are for losers. Conspiracy theories bind groups closer together, focus attention and motivate action. Electoral losers have a strong incentive – consciously or not – to motivate their co-partisans with a unifying narrative of a terrifying enemy.”

### **WSJournal: Democrats’ Wisconsin Win Invalidates Party’s Supreme Court Argument.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes that an unexpected Democratic victory on Tuesday in a special election for a Wisconsin state Senate seat invalidates an argument that Democrats made in *Gill v. Whitford*. In that case, Democrats asserted that the GOP had gerrymandered districts to such an extent that Democrats are incapable of winning an amount of seats proportional to the number of votes they receive. The Journal asserts that Democrats will be every bit as partisan as Republicans if they ascend to a similar position, and that the real solution to a perceived imbalance in power is to win elections, not fight through the courts.

## **EDITORIAL WRAP-UP**

**New York Times.** “*Here’s Another Fine Mess They’ve Gotten Us Into.*” In an editorial, the New York Times (1/18, Subscription Publication, 15.39M) calls a shutdown “calamitous evidence of bipartisan dysfunction,” and “chaotic and cruel directives from the White House.” The Times calls on Congress to “send the president a credible budget and demand that he sign it.”

**Washington Post.** “*Congress Has A Bill To Do Something About Russia. It’s Up To Them Now.*” The Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) editorializes that “the most damaging aspect of President Trump’s behavior on Russia may not be his attempts to discredit the work of Robert S. Mueller...but his utter disregard of the continuing threat from Moscow.” The Post asserts that Russia meddled in the 2016 presidential election, is likely to attempt similar efforts in 2018 and 2020, and “the Trump administration has



done next to nothing — in large part because the president refuses to recognize the threat.” The Post concludes that, because Trump refuses to take action, Congress should pass “Defending Elections from Threats by Establishing Redlines...Act,” which “would mandate a robust US response if Russia or any other state interfered in a federal election.”

**“Shift Out Of Neutral, And Raise The Gas Tax.”** The Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) editorializes that “raising the federal gas tax to help pay for highways and restrain federal deficits is a good idea whose time never seems to come.” The Post notes that “the federal trust fund that pays for highways and transit projects is funded for the next two years...by 2027, however, the fund will have accumulated a \$138 billion deficit.” The Post asserts that a proposed 25-cents-per-gallon tax, endorsed by the US Chamber of Commerce, “would raise \$394 billion over the next decade, enough to restore the trust fund to solvency.”

**“Another Dictator Lashes Out At Press Freedom.”** The Washington Post (1/18, 11.19M) editorializes that Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte’s description of Rappler, an online news organization, as a “fake news outlet,” and the revocation of Rappler’s license “on a very thin pretext” constitute “an unwarranted strike at press freedom that should alarm everyone worried about the contagion of illiberalism.” The Post also calls Duterte’s move “a twisted way to undermine confidence and trust in the news itself.” Such dictatorial tactics are also “flooding into open democracies,” the Post asserts, and President Trump’s “use of ‘fake news’ shows not that the United States is overflowing with untrustworthy news but that it is possible for a leader to use smokescreens and kick up dust to the point where it obscures truth.”

**Wall Street Journal. “The Wisconsin Gerrymander Lesson.”** The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes that an unexpected Democratic victory on Tuesday in a special election for a Wisconsin state Senate seat invalidates an argument that Democrats made in *Gill v. Whitford*. In that case, Democrats asserted that the GOP had gerrymandered districts to such an extent that Democrats are incapable of winning an amount of seats proportional to the number of votes they receive. The Journal asserts that Democrats will be every bit as partisan as Republicans if they

ascend to a similar position, and that the real solution to a perceived imbalance in power is to win elections, not fight through the courts.

**“Transparency For Fusion And The FBI.”** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) applauds Thursday’s vote by the House Intelligence Committee to allow all members of the House access to key information relating to the FBI’s interactions with Fusion GPS, saying the move increases the odds that the American public will learn the facts on the subject. The Journal says that while all Democrats and Republicans on the committee voted to release a transcript of the panel’s interview with Simpson, all the Democrats voted against allowing all House members have access to a memo detailing the FBI’s use of FISA warrants in 2016 to surveil Trump’s campaign team.

**“Tax Reform’s Apple Dividend.”** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) cites Apple’s announcement that it will invest \$350 billion in the US economy over five years and pay \$38 billion in taxes on \$250 billion it holds overseas as proof that the new tax law is working as its backers said it would.

## **THE BIG PICTURE**

### **Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.**

#### **WALL STREET JOURNAL:**

House Passes Stopgap Budget Bill; Senate Resistance Remains  
Six Chinese Ships Covertly Aided North Korea. The US Was Watching  
Venezuela’s Oil Production Is Collapsing  
College Endowment Tax Could Hit Smaller Schools Harder

#### **NEW YORK TIMES:**

House Passes Short-Term Spending Bill, Setting Up Shutdown Battle In Senate  
The Chaos President Vs. His Iron-Fisted Chief Of Staff  
Trump Rebuked China For North Korea’s Oil Smuggling. It’s More Complicated.  
2017 Was One Of The Hottest Years On Record. And That Was Without El Niño.  
Tax Overhaul Is A Blow To Affordable Housing Efforts  
Driving A Car In Manhattan Could Cost \$11.52 Under Congestion Plan



## WASHINGTON POST:

Shutdown Looms Despite House Action  
Conscience Protection For Health Workers  
At Nassar Hearing, A Parade Of Horror And  
Catharsis  
Plan Being Formed To Keep Parks Open  
Three Locales In Region Make Amazon's HQ Cut

## FINANCIAL TIMES:

Entente Kept Cordiale As May And Macron Test  
Relationship  
Zimbabwe's New President Seeks To Build  
Bridges With West  
Uber Told To Focus On US And Europe As  
SoftBank Deal Closes

## WASHINGTON TIMES:

On 'Rocket Fuel': Economy Roars To Life During  
Trump's First Year  
House Passes Spending Bill; Senate Leaves  
Government In Suspense Over Shutdown  
Trump's Contradictory Tweets Keep Heads  
Spinning On Capitol Hill  
'12 Strong' Filmmakers Learn From Real Horse  
Soldiers Who Fought Early Battles Of Afghanistan  
War  
Pro-Lifers To March Against Taxpayer-Funded  
Abortions  
Tillerson Scrambles To Define U.S. Policy On  
Syria, Kurds Amid Rising Tensions With Turkey

## STORY LINEUP FROM LAST NIGHT'S NETWORK NEWS:

**ABC:** California Child Abuse; Government Budget Deal; Trump-Border Wall; Russia Probe-WH; Phoenix Serial Killer; Severe Weather; USA Gymnastics Sexual Abuse; Flu Epidemic; Pennsylvania-US Marshal Shot; Amazon New HQ; Pope-Airborne Wedding; Grandpa Driver.

**CBS:** California Child Abuse; Government Budget Deal; Severe Weather; Flu Epidemic; Phoenix Serial Killer; Wells Fargo Bank Error; Amazon New HQ; USA Gymnastics Sexual Abuse; Pennsylvania-US Marshal Shot; 2017 Global Temperature; California Mudslides; NFL News.

**NBC:** Government Budget Deal; Trump-Border Wall; California Child Abuse; Flu Epidemic; Severe Weather; USA Gymnastics Sexual Abuse; Amazon New HQ; Laundry Detergent Warning; Average Child Bearing Age; Highway Close Call; Drone Surfer Rescue; Pope-Airborne Wedding.

## NETWORK TV AT A GLANCE:

California Child Abuse – 9 minutes, 15 seconds

Government Budget Deal – 7 minutes, 30 seconds

Flu Epidemic – 5 minutes, 30 seconds

Amazon New HQ – 4 minutes, 10 seconds

Severe Weather – 2 minutes, 45 seconds

## STORY LINEUP FROM THIS MORNING'S RADIO NEWS BROADCASTS:

**ABC:** Government Budget Deal; DACA Legal Challenge; California Child Abuse.

**CBS:** Government Budget Deal; California Child Abuse; Phoenix Serial Killer; Severe Weather; Celebrity Deaths;

**FOX:** Government Budget Deal; California Child Abuse; Newark Airport-Fake Bomb.

**NPR:** Government Budget Deal; Trump Immigration Slur-Criticism; Israel-Jordan Relations; Wall Street News.

## LAST LAUGHS

### Late Night Political Humor.

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "We're on the brink of a government shutdown, and Congress [is] trying to hammer out some kind of agreement to keep the country open. It's amazing we've reached a point which North and South Korea have a better relationship than Republicans and Democrats."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "I think Donald Trump actually wants a government shutdown. I think he thinks it will be like a snow day for him to take off."

**Stephen Colbert:** "It's been an exciting 24 hours because, last night, on the verge of a government shutdown, with funding running out on healthcare for nine million children, going toe to toe with a madman with a thermonuclear arsenal, Donald Trump stayed laser-focused by announcing the winners of his Fake News Awards. I'm sad to say the 'Late Show' was snubbed. Yeah, I know. It's hard to take. At least, for once, we didn't lose to John Oliver."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Now, according to the GOP.com, these awards had to happen because, since Trump was elected, the media has spent 90 percent of the time focused on negative coverage. Well, yeah! Trump is bad at being President 90 percent of the time. Just this week, we're preparing for a government shutdown, found out Trump had an affair with a porn star, and almost lost Hawaii. It's only Thursday!"



**Stephen Colbert:** “How many Donald Trumps does it take to screw in a light bulb? We’ll never know because, after he screws something, he gives it \$130,000 not to tell anybody.”

**James Corden:** “Ladies and gentlemen, you’ll be thrilled to know that President Trump’s border wall is back in the news because while speaking to the Hispanic caucus in Washington yesterday, Chief of Staff John Kelly told lawmakers that when Trump promised voters a Mexican border wall during his campaign, he had not been, quote, fully informed. Now, to be fair, not fully informed could describe literally any statement Trump has made since 2003.”

**James Corden:** “After his doctor earlier this week said that he would recommend Trump exercise more, the President said yesterday that he gets, quote, more exercise than people think. Does he? I am not sure backpedaling on campaign promises counts as exercise.”

**Trevor Noah:** “The United States government could shut down tomorrow, and Trump probably wants a shutdown the same way the kid hopes for a snow day so they don’t have to go to school.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “The big story today was that Congress had just one day left to prevent a government shutdown. But don’t worry, it will only affect nonessential government employees like park rangers, museum guides, and the President. So that will be fine.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** [Referring to President Trump’s Fake News Awards] “I guess Congress had 24 hours to pass a short-term spending bill if they want to avoid a shutdown. Trump told them to do their jobs, then went back to announcing the winners of a made-up awards show.”

**Conan O’Brien:** “President Trump is now claiming his approval rating among black Americans has doubled. In other words, Ben Carson voted twice.”

**Conan O’Brien:** “North Korea announcing it will send a group of citizens called the cheering squad to next month’s Winter Olympics. Very nice. And all of them are expected to actually compete in a new event called the 400-meter defection.”

**Jordan Klepper:** [Referring to Chief of Staff John Kelly’s comment about the border wall] “Trump’s wall isn’t the product of evolution. It was intelligently designed by a very stable creator.”

[President Trump] bionically tweeted, ‘The wall is the wall. It has never changed or evolved from the first day I conceived of it.’ That is why I am declaring today’s enemy evolution.”

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Sorry, Scott. It was shot down so fast I don't even know if they read it. ☺

The response was no way you'd get treated fairly, which we'd already discussed.

Best,

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Hi Scott,

Thanks for reaching out. My deadline for this story is Thursday, but I can try to get an extension from my editors if you are interested in speaking, but aren't able to fit a phone call in tomorrow.

The story is about your tenure at O.R.R., and specifically about the change in policy surrounding TOP requests from unaccompanied minors in the office's care. I've had the chance to review some of your emails, read both of the depositions you gave as part of the ACLU suit, and watched your appearance on EWTN, but I'd really appreciate the chance to hear from you directly about your background, your faith, and how it's informed the decisions you've made in your role as O.R.R. director, if it has. A fair amount has been written on the subject already, but I'd like to make sure we get our story right. I hope you'll consider it.

If you have any other questions in the meantime, please let me know.

Best,

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Ms. (b)(6)

Scott Lloyd here-- I am getting a bit out in front of our press office, but I am writing about your request for an interview. I am wondering what the deadline and the angle of your story is. This will help us determine how we



handle your request, as there have been stories where it is clear that Department equities are at stake, and others where they are mixed-- Department and personal. If you've already shared the answers to these questions with our Office of Communications, there's no need to respond to me.

Please handle everything here as a private statement--nothing is intended to be public as we figure out how best to be responsive.

Many thanks,  
Scott

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The full scope of the Rolling Stone article is becoming clearer. Please see the email thread below and specifically the reporter's email to Shaanan Myerson.

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On: 20 September 2018 08:03,  
"Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)" <[Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov)>wrote:

Good Morning,

The below email was received by Shaanan yesterday and as indicated she left a VM on his desk phone.

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Thank you

Michael

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**From:** (b)(6)@[rollingstone.com](http://rollingstone.com)>  
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**Date:** 19 September 2018 17:02  
**To:** "Meyerstein, Shaanan (ACF)" <[Shaanan.Meyerstein@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Shaanan.Meyerstein@acf.hhs.gov)>

Dr. Meyerstein,



I just left you a voicemail. I'm reaching out because I'm working on a story about the change in policy regarding TOP requests from unaccompanied minors under ORR Director Scott Lloyd, and your name came up in the course of my reporting. One of the stories that I'm telling in the piece is about a 17-year-old girl who had a medication abortion at a clinic in San Antonio on March 3, 2017. My understanding, gleaned from emails and contemporaneous notes written up about the incident, was that you acted as the conduit between the clinic and top HHS officials who were contemplating ways to reverse the effects of the mifepristone and "preserve" the girl's pregnancy against her wishes. I'm describing those events in the story, and I wanted to give you the chance to offer your version and make sure there aren't any relevant details I might be missing. Please let me know if we can set up a time to talk.

Best,

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From: (b)(6)@rollingstone.com>  
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018  
Subject: Scott Lloyd  
To: Edward Lloyd (b)(6)@gmail.com>

Hi Scott,

Sorry for the delay — please find my questions below. Please do let me know if you see anything inaccurate in there, and if there is anything that you would like to go into further detail about.

### **Regarding your personal history**

Your resume says that you worked as a humor columnist at a newspaper in New Jersey and a middle school teacher in New Jersey and Brooklyn — is that correct?

Public records indicate that you were registered as a Democrat when you lived in Brooklyn — is that correct? Are you registered as a Republican now?



Your resume describes you as the “architect of late-term abortion restriction that is law in six states and is a bill in U.S. House and Senate,” can you tell me about that?

How does your faith inform the work you do on a daily basis?

How and when did you develop your views on abortion?

Are you morally opposed to abortion?

Mother Jones reported on an essay it said you wrote in law school — did you in fact write that essay?

Did the events described in the essay obtained by Mother Jones actually happen to you? Did they meaningfully impact your views on abortion?

Does this statement still reflect your feelings: “The Jews who died in the Holocaust had a chance to laugh, play, sing, dance, learn, and love each other...The victims of abortion do not.”?

Your resume does not list any experience working with refugees — did you have any experience working with displaced populations before ORR?

Why did you want the job of ORR director?

What made you feel you were adequately prepared for the role?

Did you meet Maggie Wynne through your work at the Knights of Columbus?

Did Maggie Wynne recruit you for the position of ORR director?

Is there anything that you think people who have written about you and your actions as O.R.R. director have misunderstood about you? What?

**Regarding the specific incident of March 4, 2017**

Were you involved in drafting the memo “Re: ORR custodial decisions to preserve the health of a pregnant UAC” written March 4, 2017?

Do you think it would be accurate to say that memo granted the O.R.R. director “unprecedented power over the pregnant, underage girls who ended up in the agency’s custody”?

Were you involved in discussions about administering progesterone to a girl who had taken the first dose of a medication abortion on March 3, 2017?

Was Secretary Tom Price involved in or appraised of those discussions?

Was the Vice President involved in or appraised of those discussions?

ORR staff in the field were directed to investigate the use of progesterone to “reverse” the effects of mifepristone — are you aware that the only scientific study has been debunked?

Were you involved in the decision to allow the girl in question to take the second dose of the pill?

Why did the office of general counsel change its mind about that?

Did you at any point direct staff on the ground to tell the girl that O.R.R. was withholding her pills, or that officials were considering means by which they might reverse her abortion?

My understanding is that under the previous administration, only abortion requests that required federal funding passed through the O.R.R. director’s office — why did you feel it was necessary to change that policy?

Would it be accurate to say that from March 3rd, 2017 forward, every abortion request was subject to your personal authorization?

### **Regarding your tenure at O.R.R.**

I see that you requested a list of all the pregnant girls in ORR care in early March 2017 before you were confirmed — is it



accurate to say it was one of your first official acts?

Do you now receive, on a weekly basis, a spreadsheet listing every pregnant, underage girl, her location, and number of weeks gestation?

Is it accurate to say that you instituted a new policy by which no medical appointments, no meetings with lawyers, and no options counseling would take place without your approval?

I understand you've counseled girls in ORR care — what do you say to them?

How many have you spoken to?

Under your tenure the average number of days a child spends in O.R.R. custody has nearly doubled from 34 to nearly 60 — do you dispute that characterization?

The number of days a child spends in O.R.R. custody is at an all-time high — do you dispute that characterization?

Do you think that it's accurate to say the reason so many children are in custody is because of policies that have discouraged sponsors to come forward?

Do you think it's fair to say that the fact that Sec. Azar has had to divert \$266 million from other

HHS programs to ORR is an indication that the office is being mismanaged?

Some have expressed concern that your focus on pregnant underage girls, a tiny fraction of the population ORR serves, has taken up time and energy that could have been used to address ORR's other operational challenges — how do you respond?

Do you think it's appropriate for you to be so intimately involved in these girls' private lives?

Do you regret denying any of the abortion requests you've denied?

Do you regret fighting Jane Doe's request for an abortion in court?

### **Regarding other specific incidents**

Did you insist that a girl's parents be notified of her request for an abortion — even over her objections, and even when she expressed fears her family would become violent with her?

Is it true that you have flown to a shelter at least once to personally counsel a girl about her decision to terminate a pregnancy?  
Have you done that more than once?

Is it true that you've counseled at least one other girl on the phone a well? Have you done that more than once?

Have you instructed that girls in your care be given ultrasounds, even against their wishes?

Have you ordered field staff to read a graphic description of an abortion to a girl who asked to terminate?

Have you ordered staff show a photograph of a fetus aborted at 23 weeks to another girl?

Is it accurate to say that you insisted one doctor be asked a series of questions about the abortion a girl was requesting because "she's undergoing a major procedure where a human life was being destroyed"?

I understand that you ordered shelter staff to read a letter to a pregnant girl from an adoptive family without vetting them — is that correct? What was the thought process behind that decision?

Did you encourage a young girl to carry to term by telling her it would be an American citizen?

Best,



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**From:** (b)(6)@gmail.com>

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**Date:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:58 AM

**To:** (b)(6)@rollingstone.com>

**Subject:** Re: Scott Lloyd

We might have a slightly better chance of an interview if you could send a few of the questions you'd like to ask...

Thank you!

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 18, 2018, at 7:49 PM, (b)(6)@rollingstone.com> wrote:

Hi Scott,

Thanks for reaching out. My deadline for this story is Thursday, but I can try to get an extension from my editors if you are interested in speaking, but aren't able to fit a phone call in tomorrow.



The story is about your tenure at O.R.R., and specifically about the change in policy surrounding TOP requests from unaccompanied minors in the office's care. I've had the chance to review some of your emails, read both of the depositions you gave as part of the ACLU suit, and watched your appearance on EWTN, but I'd really appreciate the chance to hear from you directly about your background, your faith, and how it's informed the decisions you've made in your role as O.R.R. director, if it has. A fair amount has been written on the subject already, but I'd like to make sure we get our story right. I hope you'll consider it.

If you have any other questions in the meantime, please let me know.

Best,

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**From:** (b)(6)<@gmail.com>

**Date:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:10 PM

**To:** (b)(6)<@rollingstone.com>

**Subject:** Scott Lloyd

Ms. (b)(6)

Scott Lloyd here-- I am getting a bit out in front of our press office, but I am writing about your request for an interview. I am wondering what the



deadline and the angle of your story is. This will help us determine how we handle your request, as there have been stories where it is clear that Department equities are at stake, and others where they are mixed-- Department and personal. If you've already shared the answers to these questions with our Office of Communications, there's no need to respond to me.

Please handle everything here as a private statement--nothing is intended to be public as we figure out how best to be responsive.

Many thanks,

Scott

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Mr. Lloyd,

Below is the requested information regarding pregnancy notifications. The date range is from May 12-19, 2017.

- 16 yo UAC, admitted on (b)(6) 2017 to SWK Hacienda del Sol was screen positive for pregnancy during the initial medical exam. Child report pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations. DHUC was informed via standard reporting procedures. The child was referred to OB/GYN services and was evaluated on 5/19 and determined to be 13 weeks gestation via ultrasound. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.
- 16 yo UAC, admitted on (b)(6) 2017, to BCFS San Antonio TFC in San Antonio TX, was reported to be 7-8 months pregnant. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations however to a 24 yo male in COO. FOC was reported by UAC to be aggressive and having a short temper. DHUC was informed via Intake notification on May 17. The child was referred to OB/GYN services and is continuing routine prenatal care. Minor does have a mental health history. UAC reported that at mother and uncle made her consume an herbal remedy to abort the pregnancy. UAC reported intermittent prenatal care in COO but was taking prenatal vitamins. OB evaluation is pending at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.
- 16 yo UAC, admitted on (b)(6) 2017 to Youth for Tomorrow in Bristow, VA, reported to be 2 months pregnant. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations however to a 20 yo male in COO. DHUC was informed via Intake notification on May 16, 2017. DHUC is following up with the program to determine the current clinical plan for the UAC. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

- 16 yo UAC, admitted on (b)(6) 2017 to SWK Lemon Grove was screen positive for pregnancy during the initial medical exam (5/15) despite child reporting sexual activity. Child's pregnancy was confirmed via serum pregnancy test on 5/16. Child eventually reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations. DHUC was informed via standard reporting procedures. The child was referred to OB/GYN services and was evaluated on 5/19 and determined to be 10 weeks gestation via hCG levels. An ultrasound is scheduled for 5/23 and a follow-up evaluation by OBGYN on 6/16. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

UPDATE on Prior Pregnancy Notifications:

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- 15 yo UAC, admitted on (b)(6) 2017 to Heartland International Childrens Center in Chicago, IL, was reported to be 6 months pregnant. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of a consensual sexual relationship to a 17 yo male in COO. UAC reported living with FOC for the past 2 years and that both sets of parents are aware of the pregnancy. Report indicates both UAC and FOC were planning a family for the past year. Child received OB/GYN services in COO approximately 1 month prior. UAC was referred to OB services and is continuing routine prenatal care. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.
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Thank you Scott.

Much appreciated.

Michael

On: 25 July 2017 16:43, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Michael,

I apologize for the delay—the updated format works well. I don't see any additional info that I need.

Thank you for your work on this.



Scott

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 12:29 PM

**To:** Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

**Cc:** Misegades, Lara (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF)

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Thank you Scott,

I just want to confirm that you have all the information that you might need on these notifications.

This past notification, I collated the notifications into a weekly "report" instead of sending single notifications throughout the week.

Is the weekly format easier for you to use or do you prefer being notified with each notification that we receive.

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**Subject:** Re: Pregnancy Notifications

Dear Michael,

Thank you for this detailed update. I really appreciate it.

Let me know if you need anything.

Sincerely,  
Scott

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On: 19 May 2017 22:57, "Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)"

<[Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov)>wrote:

Mr. Lloyd,

Below is the requested information regarding pregnancy notifications. The date range is from May 12-19, 2017.

- 16 yo UAC, admitted on (b)(6), 2017 to SWK Hacienda del Sol was screen positive for pregnancy during the initial medical exam. Child report pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations. DHUC was informed via standard reporting procedures. The child was referred to OB/GYN services and was evaluated on 5/19 and determined to be 13 weeks gestation via ultrasound. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.
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Mr. Lloyd,

DHUC was notified of this UAC over the past few days. However, today, I received a call from Dr. Fanny Rivera indicating that one of the SWK programs has a UAC that will be making a formal request for Termination of Pregnancy (TOP). Dr. Rivera was looking for guidance to give to the program.

16 yo UAC (b)(6), admitted on (b)(6) to SWK Sol was identified by ICE to be pregnant. UAC reports her pregnancy to be ~8 weeks. IME confirms pregnancy with positive urine pregnancy test. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations with a 16 yo male in COO. DHUC was informed of the pregnancy via standard reporting procedures. The child is being referred to OB/GYN services. The UAC made no statement that the pregnancy is a result of sexual abuse or assault. The portal (IME) does indicate the child has had thoughts about not wanting to keep the pregnancy however there is no current documentation/information requesting pregnancy termination until today.

The program is attempting to have the current OB appointment moved up from July 12. Since the program is in the Phoenix area, the SWK program is setting up a spiritual counseling session and a family session for the UAC (similar to what was done with previous TOP requests). Dr. Rivera did mention the clinicians are looking for input on what information they can provide to the UAC.

Please advise if there is anything further you would like the program to do?

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Are you okay with the pregnancy weekly report coming in this format? It will be less burdensome on the program and more efficient for your review.

Let me know your thoughts.

Laura

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:06 PM  
**To:** Gregg, Laura (ACF)  
**Cc:** White, Jonathan (ACF)  
**Subject:** FW: Weekly Pregnancy Report.

Hi Laura,

Just wanted to know if you had any input on this. I have not heard from Scott about proceeding with this type of reporting or whether he prefers to continue with the write-up version.

What do you think?

Michael

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**Subject:** Weekly Pregnancy Report.

Hi Mr. Lloyd,

As you know, I have been submitting weekly reports of pregnant UAC that enter our programs. Unfortunately, the current reporting format might be unsustainable particularly when there is a large number of pregnant UAC being referred. DHUC reviewed the current report and identified the key data fields within each write-up and re-created in an Excel Spreadsheet to create a line listing (attached).

With your approval, DHUC would like to submit the weekly reports as a spreadsheet as opposed to the lengthy write-ups.

If you approve, can you review the attached and let us know if you would like any additional data fields.

V/R

Michael

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Good Afternoon,

The pregnancy report will be delayed due to the portal being inoperable.

There were approximately 11 pregnancy notifications since the last report on 12/21.

Once we have sustained access will send the official report.

Michael

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